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SPECTACLES **The grass is bluer on the other side**

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Matt Sircely '98, Eric Herman '98, and Tom Klein '00 soothe the Pub crowd with their Southern style Bluegrass music.

Campus Safety unveils parking lottery for Fall

New plan to reduce confusion, stress

BY TOM AYRES '98
NEWS CO-EDITOR

The first week of May has always marked the much-anticipated, yet ever-dreaded Residential Life housing lottery.

This Spring, however, the Campus Safety Office will conduct the first parking lottery of its own in an effort to reduce the confusion that returning to campus with a vehicle brings.

"Hopefully, this new lottery will alleviate the problem in the Fall registration period which is already hectic with class schedules and moving back to the Hill," said Pat Ingalls, Director of Campus Safety.

The lottery will begin on Tuesday, May 5, for all rising seniors year students; Wednesday, May 6, for rising juniors; and Thursday, May 7, for rising sophomores.

Prior to the lottery, Campus Safety will run advertisements in *The Spectator*, hold a poster campaign, and complete a mass e-mailing to inform all students of this change.

For students who do not have a vehicle this semester and are still unsure if they will be returning with one, they should still register and participate in the lottery. If they return without a vehicle, then their payment will be refunded.

For students studying abroad, a packet will appear in their pre-registration information.

Upon their return in the Fall, students who do not participate in the parking lottery in May will be assigned what parking spots are left on a first-come-first-serve basis, regardless of ranking or year.

"All parking spots and residence hall assignments will have been completed and hopefully students will be able to obtain a space near where they are going to live," said Ingalls. "Students are always welcome to stop at the Campus Safety Office if they have any questions."

Storm knocks out power

Freezing rain causes outage, minor accidents

BY SPECTATOR STAFF

A sudden storm from the south brought an unexpected mix of sleet and snow to Central New York on Tuesday night, causing several minor traffic accidents—one of which caused a power outage for the entire village of Clinton.

The cause of the outage appears to have been power lines that were blown together, which caused a transformer to overload and fail in Clinton, according to Niagara Mohawk Power Company.

Dispatcher Tracy Millner said Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation crews and police units were worked diligently to fix the source of the outage late Tuesday nite.

Sherriff's deputies also said they assisted in 14 minor car accidents from 4 p.m. into the night, as 1.5 to 3 inches fell throughout the area, at times side-swept by strong winds.

"The roads got pretty nasty out here," said Sgt. Michael Termetti from the sate police barracks in Onieda.

WKTV meteorologist Matt DiNardo said Tuesday's precipitation began as rain high in the atmosphere, but cooled the air as it fell, turning to sleet and snow.

"Instead of getting rain and sleet, we got snow and sleet," DiNardo said.

Campus Safety provided escorts to those students that requested them due to no lighting on walk ways and parking lots.

There were no major incidents reported to Campus Safety.

Many students stayed together in lounge areas until power was restored. Although they are not permitted in the dormitories, a few diligent students even studied by candlelight until the power was restored.

In addition, stories of strange ocurrences, such as students running around in costumes and under garments, highlighted many conversations on Wednesday.

Sunindyo addresses Indonesian crisis

BY CRISTEN SARGENT '01
NEWS CO-EDITOR

Professor Saraswati Sunindyo, the Irwin Visiting Professor of Women's Studies, gave her lecture, "What is happening in Indonesia?" Wednesday night in the Red Pit.

She spoke to her audience members, who were small in number but attentive and concerned, about the issues of violence and economic struggle taking place in Indonesia.

Indonesia is undergoing its worst economic crisis in decades, with zero growth, soaring inflation, and scattered riots. The International Monetary Fund has already handed Indonesia a bailout package of over $40 billion, and the U.S. Treasury is calling for drastic economic reform. The IMF is threatening to cut off further aid to Indonesia if President Suharto implements a proposed fixed exchanged rate plan, which would peg the plummeting rupiah (Indonesia's currency) with a more stable unit, such as the U.S. dollar. Most think Indonesia's economy is not ready for such a move.

In what seems to be turning into a cold war between Suharto and the IMF, many lawmakers have accused the IMF of giving in to the former general, who has ruled Indonesia with an iron grip for thirty years. Scattered riots have broken out all over the archipelago of 200 million people in the past few weeks over the economic problems.

PHOTO BY SARA BRAINARD '01

Professor Sunindyo explains Indonesia's bleak situation.

"They talk about the ethnic riots on ABC news," said Sunindyo, "That these people have a long history of violence, a violent government and a very strong anti-Chinese sentiment. These three we learn from the media, which in some sense is true, but obscures historical context."

Sunindyo went on to explain this historical context that lies behind the media's claims. Her first example was Dutch colonization, when the Dutch had a tight hold on the Indonesian people, killing "outlaws" — native people who were leaders of the uprisings. 1942 began Japan's violent occupation of the archipelago during World War II, when people were beheaded in the street. Finally in 1949, after a violent struggle, the Dutch and the rest of the world officially recognized Indonesia.

"We need background history and information to what we see on the news because it's important to realize why the riots are happening, to get a more balanced view," said

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Werner: war with Saddam not just

By Tom Ayres '98
News Co-Editor

Can U.S. military intervention in Iraq be justified?

This is the question that Rick Werner, the John Stewart Kennedy Professor of Philosophy, has tackled by applying it to the Just War Theory. A teacher and researcher of the morality of war, Werner explained that the Just War Theory — as its name implies — attempts to explain when war is justified and not justified.

"It is a very old notion, one that dates back to St. Augustine during the late Roman Empire, and was used most recently by President Bush to justify the military attack of Iraq several years ago," said Werner in a television interview with WKTV-NBC that aired on Thursday evening.

Professor Werner notes that according to Just War Theory, the moral use of military force requires a just cause. Part of President Clinton's justification of a military strike is the need to uphold the credibility of the U.N. by eliminating Saddam Hussein's potential to use weapons of mass destruction in the future. But "anticipatroy self-defense" is not a just cause as defined by the U.N. Charter of 1945.

> If we consider Desert Thunder from the moral perspective, and surely we should, there are too many questions left unanswered, too much ambiguity about our ends and how we intend to attain them, too much hypocrisy on our part for the attack to be justified.
>
> -- Rick Werner

In other words, President Clinton seeks to enforce U.N. sanctions with actions (air strikes) that violate the U.N. Charter.

"There is no attack from Iraq and no one claims that Iraq is about to eliminate another nation," said Werner. "It seems reasonable to conclude that our attack on Iraq will stand in violation of the U.N. Charter."

Georgetown prof tackles welfare reform

By Scott Von Duhn '01
News Writer

As part of a series of speeches on welfare reform this month, Peter Edelman, Professor of Law at Georgetown University Law Center, came to the Hill speak about poverty in America. A former Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services in the Clinton Administration, he delivered his lecture to a half-filled Chapel on Thursday evening.

This speech is one of many sponsored by the Arthur Levitt Public Affairs Center and the Kirkland Project for the Study of Gender, Culture, and Society, and is part of a series, the end product of research and press coverage from a recent study of poverty in Oneida County.

Edelman stuck to the topic of his speech, "Welfare and Poverty: Where Do We Go From Here?" and talked about various groups of people and the economic issues that each group faces. He stressed the idea of achieving true welfare reform by public policy and a social change, marking his slight distrust of the government's ability to handle the change by itself.

Edelman started by saying that although we hear about economic prosperity in the news, there is not an accurate portrayal of the plight of poor people in the media. Despite growth, there has been a steady increase in people who are below half the poverty line. Among poor people, the number who are working — but remain poor — is grow-

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Prize-winning Garrett to speak on 'the coming plague'

By Spectator Staff

Pulitizer Prize-winning author Laurie Garrett will lecture on her best-selling book, *The Coming Plague: Newly Emerging Diseases in a World Out of Balance*, on Monday, Feb. 23, at 7:30 p.m. in the Chapel.

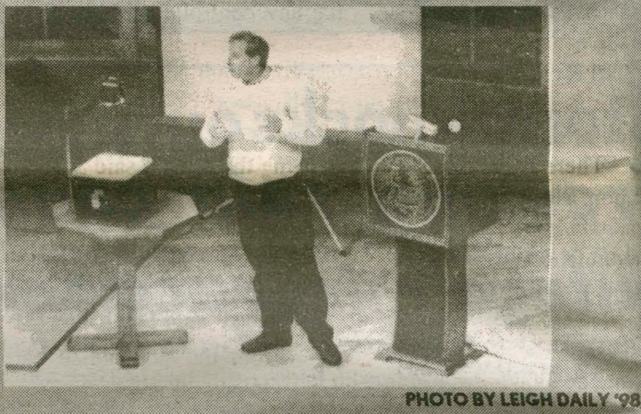
Courtesy Communications & Development

In *The Coming Plague*, Garrett takes readers on a 50-year journey of science's battles with infectious diseases. She chronicles the spread of malaria, Ebola, HIV and other viral infections, and suggests how we might prevent "the coming plague." Her investigation is not only a scientific journey, but is also an examination of the relationship between the spread of disease, sociology, politics, and prejudice.

A health and science writer for *New York Newsday* and a former science correspondent for National Public Radio, Garrett cites the careless use of anti-biotics and the effects of overpopulation, global warming, and environmental degradation as important factors in the emergence of the devastating diseases. She also addresses how the shortsightedness of politicians and policy makers facilitates the spread of diseases especially in Third World nations where growing urban populations, poor sanitation, and insufficient health services help to create perfect conditions for epidemics.

The Coming Plague was named "one of the best books of 1994" by the *New York Times Book Review*.

In 1996, Garrett was awarded a Pulitzer Prize for Journalism. She is currently president of the National Association of Science Writers.



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Stanford Professor Bruce Bueno de Mesquita presents his lecture "Explaining the Democratic Peace" on Tuesday.

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THE NEWS AT COLLEGES ACROSS THE LAND

Compiled By Joy Dreibelbis '99

Ritalin use common at BU, other colleges

(U-WIRE) BOSTON, Mass. — Students from Boston University and colleges across the country are turning to the prescription drug Ritalin to relieve stress and enhance the effects of other drugs. With an increase in the number of diagnosed cases of Attention Deficit Disorder, the drug has become easier to obtain. According to the Drug Enforcement Agency, more than one of every 30 Americans between the ages of 5 and 19 are prescribed Ritalin.

But many are using it for the wrong reasons. Some students use it to help them study. Others said they take it to get a better buzz when drinking alcohol or using drugs.

"I think it really helps me concentrate and focus when I'm studying," said Jeremy, who admitted using Ritalin about 10 times. "It helps me absorb the material I'm reading."

Jeremy, like many students who said they used Ritalin, asked that his last name be withheld. Illegal possession or sale of a prescription drug is an arrestable offense.

Students said acquiring the drug is easy. A 10-milligram pill can be purchased for as little as $2, and a 20-milligram dose sells for $3 to $5, they said.

"I know kids who give them out to their friends because they have a prescription," said Tim, an ENG sophomore. "And if they are not giving them out, they are making mad money selling pills from their own prescription."

Ira Reiskin, the chief of psychiatric services at BU, said *Ritalin* might be too prevalent.

"If I had to guess, I would say, 'Yes, it may be over-prescribed,'" Reiskin said.

For students who have been diagnosed with ADD, Ritalin is used to increase their attention span and reduce hyperactivity, a symptom of the disorder most outgrow by the time they reach college, Reiskin said. Like any controlled substance, Ritalin has some potential side effects when not used properly.

"It is a stimulant and with that comes a higher heart rate, increased blood pressure, sleep problems and a possible loss of appetite," Reiskin said.

"There is definitely a risk in using the drug," said Sally Damon, a health professor at UMass Amherst. "The increase in heart rate is one of the most serious with jitteriness and anxiety additional side effects."

But most students said they are not worried about those drawbacks. "I've done it about three times," said Stephanie, a CAS sophomore. "I took it to try something new and different. I don't see anything wrong with it. It's really no big deal."

Murder victim's family to sue Harvard

(U-WIRE) CAMBRIDGE, Mass. — Nearly three years after the tragic Dunster House murder-suicide, the family of Trang Phuong Ho '96 filed a lawsuit against Hravard University yesterday. Ho, a junior biology concentrator at the time of her death, was stabbed 45 times by her roommate, Sinedu Tadesse '96, on the morning of May 28, 1995. After fatally wounding Ho and injuring 26 year-old visitor Thao Nguyen, Tadesse hanged herself in the shower of her Dunster H-21 suite.

The suit alleges "wrongful death, conscious pain and suffering and emotional distress," charging Harvard, as well as Dunster House Master Karel F. Liem, former Dunster House senior tutor Suzi Naiburg and Ho's entryway tutor David B. Lombard, with negligence. The suit does not specify monetary damages.

Stating Harvard owed Ho the "duty to maintain a reasonably safe and secure environment," the court papers note Tadesse had demonstrated "desperate and antisocial behavior" about which University officials "knew or should have known."

The 20 year-old native of Ethiopia had missed three of her four final examinations the week before the murder-suicide, and had sent letters to random individuals, expressing her desperation with life. The suit claims Ho's death "was proximately caused by the failure of the defendants to have adequately monitored Tadesse's situation and progress after having knowledge that she was troubled, and their failure to inform [Ho] of Tadesse's troubles."

In an interview with The Crimson two weeks ago, Liem – – who served as academic adviser to both Ho and Tadesse — said he was not to blame for the tragedy. "There were no warning signs of any kind. It was out of the blue," Liem said. "I would say that it could have happened any place."

This summer, the book *Halfway Heaven: Diary of a Harvard Murder* was published—written by Melanie Thernstrom '87—which challenged Harvard's advising system and charged Harvard with "calculated efforts to whitewash [its role in] the story."

WORLD NEWS

Compiled By Joy Dreibelbis '99

Clinton tells aides to stay put

WASHINGTON (AP) — On the eve of a high-stakes U.N. diplomatic mission to Baghdad, President Clinton ordered his national security team to postpone overseas travel Thursday while he considers a possible military strike.

Clinton said he had made no decision on setting a deadline for Iraqi President Saddam Hussein to bow to United Nations demands for access to suspected weapons sites. "I feel that time is on our side," he told reporters.

The U.S. military buildup in the Persian Gulf continued at pace. The lead contingent of a 3,000-strong Army unit from Fort Stewart, Ga., arrived in Kuwait to take up defensive positions and demonstrate U.S. resolve.

With U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan headed to Baghdad for talks with Saddam, Clinton said he had spoken with French President Jacques Chirac and they agreed that Annan's mission was a "critical opportunity to achieve the outcome that all of us would prefer — a peaceful and principled end to this crisis."

"We hope the secretary-general's mission will succeed, but let me be clear: If diplomacy fails, we must be and we are prepared to act," said Clinton.

After speaking with Chirac, Clinton said the U.N. Security Council was unanimous in believing Iraq must give U.N. weapons inspectors "full, free and unfettered access to all suspected sites anywhere in Iraq."

A day after his top national security aides encountered outbursts ofanger at a public meeting on the Iraqi crisis in Columbus, Ohio, Clinton and Secretary of State Madeleine Albright kept on the public offensive.

"I believe strongly that most Americans support our policy, that they support our resolve," Clinton said.

Clinton said Saddam should not be emboldened by the televised images of dissent at a town meeting Wednesday in Ohio. "Not if he understands the first thing about America," the president said.

Albright traveled to Tennessee State University in Nashville on Thursday, and said that the United States would strive to limit civilian casualties if it decides to bomb Iraq. "There will be some, (but) we have selected our targets very carefully," Albright said. Albright denounced Saddam as a tyrant who has used chemical weapons against Iraqi Kurds as well as Iranian soldiers.

Killing clouds Sinn Fein future

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP) — The killing of a Catholic man has thrown new doubt on the British and Irish governments' plans to expel the IRA-allied Sinn Fein party from Northern Ireland peace negotiations. The two governments had hoped to announce Thursday that Sinn Fein would be suspended from negotiations for several weeks in punishment for two unclaimed killings last week that police blamed on the Irish Republican Army.

But they continued to discuss details of their intended joint statement as police pursued leads on the abduction and slaying of Kevin Conway, 30, from his home in Lurgan, 25 miles southwest of Belfast.

Detectives said they weren't sure who was responsible. They pointed to the fact that Conway lived in Kilwilkie, a hard-line Catholic neighborhood where support for the IRA runs high, yet his abductors felt comfortable enough in the area to walk through his front door Tuesday morning and kidnap him, leaving behind his 3-month-old baby.

Police recovered his body Thursday about 7 miles away in a farmhouse near the Protestant village of Aghalee. Conway's hands were tied behind his back and he had been shot through the back of the head.

Sinn Fein accused a pro-British gang opposed to the talks, the Loyalist Volunteer Force, of killing the man in hopes of heightening communal tensions. But the Loyalist Volunteers denied this and threw back the allegations.

The negotiations on Northern Ireland's future resume Monday in Belfast after an unproductive three-day stay in Dublin, the Irish Republic's capital. That session began with Britain's Northern Ireland Secretary Mo Mowlam formally calling for Sinn Fein's exclusion in accordance with the talks' principles of adherence to nonviolence.

Sinn Fein's case continued Thursday with the party's contention that Mowlam failed to provide any evidence proving IRA involvement in last week's killings — and that the American talks chairman, former U.S. Sen. George Mitchell, failed to defend Sinn Fein's rights by accepting her inadequate indictment.

NATIONAL NEWS

Compiled By Joy Dreibelbis '99

2 men held in possible Anthrax plot

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Two men were charged Thursday with possessing the deadly germ anthrax for use as a weapon. The FBI said one bragged in Las Vegas he had enough to "wipe out the city" and last year laid out a plan to attack New York City subways.

The men were arrested in suburban Henderson this Wednesday. Their beige Mercedes, sealed in plastic, was hauled off to an airbase for tests to see whether the material carried inside was the germ warfare agent. An informant said one of the men told him he had "military grade anthrax" in flight bags in the trunk of the Mercedes. The informant said he saw eight to 10 bags marked "biological" in the trunk.

Larry Wayne Harris, 46, and William Leavitt, 47, appeared before a federal magistrate Thursday afternoon. Harris, identified by the FBI as a member of the Aryan Nations, was previously given probation after pleading guilty to illegally obtaining bubonic plague bacteria through the mail in 1995. He is also author of a self-published book called "Bacteriological Warfare: A Major Threat to North America."

Leavitt, who has no criminal record, owns a microbiology lab in rural Logandale, about 60 miles north of Las Vegas, and another in Frankfurt, Germany, according to the affidavit prepared by FBI Special Agent John H. Hawken.

The affidavit said a confidential informant called the FBI Wednesday to say he was a research scientist and had been contacted by Harris and Leavitt, who asked him to use some of his equipment to test vials of the bacterium Bacillus anthracis, which causes anthrax. The document outlined a meeting of Harris and Leavitt with another man at the Gold Coast Hotel.

Anthrax is an infectious disease that usually afflicts only animals, but anthrax spores can be produced in a dry form suitable for weapons and can be fatal to humans even in microscopic amounts. Anthrax can also be used in germ warfare.

According to the Southern Poverty Law Center, Harris was an Aryan Nations member at the time of the plague case, said spokesman Mark Potok. Last year, Harris pleaded guilty to a count of fraud after he was accused of illegally obtaining bubonic plague bacteria through the mail from a laboratory. He said he never intended to hurt anyone and was sentenced to 18 months on probation.

Even after pleading guilty to the charge, Harris maintained he did nothing wrong. He said he wanted the bacteria for research for his book.

"I am a scientist. I am absolutely of no harm to anyone. I never, never intended to hurt anyone."

Guilty plea in firefighter deaths

SEATTLE (AP) — Martin Shaw Pang would have faced about two years in prison if convicted of arson in a 1995 warehouse fire that killed four firefighters. Instead, he'll spend 35 years behind bars after pleading guilty Thursday to 4 counts of manslaughter.

Pang pleaded to the more serious charges because it's the only way he can show remorse to the firefighters' families and friends, his lawyer said. "He is apologizing for their irreparable loss in the only manner available to him," said attorney John Henry Browne.

Pang, 42, told the judge he understood he was forgoing his right to a jury trial and waiving protections provided under his 1996 extradition from Brazil, where he had fled after the blaze.

Prosecutors had wanted to charge Pang with murder, but Brazil initially refused to extradite him because under Brazilian law, arson deaths are not considered murder unless the fire was intended to kill.

Pang admitted setting his parent's frozen food warehouse on fire to collect insurance on the building.

Pang will be sentenced on March 23, the day his trial had been set to begin. He was to be tried on a single count of first-degree arson, which carries a sentence of 21 to 27 months in jail. Under the plea agreement, Pang agreed to a sentence of 35 years. The standard sentence for four counts of manslaughter ranges from about 6 1/2 to 8 1/2 years.

Christy Brown, widow of firefighter James Brown, who died at age 25, said she was relieved there would be no trial, and pleased Pang pleaded guilty to the more serious offense. "Four people died. The arson charge would have ignored that," she said.

The Jan. 5, 1995, blaze destroyed the Mary Pang Food Products warehouse. The firefighters died when the warehouse floor collapsed into a basement that their commanders hadn't been aware of. Pang fled to Brazil six weeks later. He was arrested in Rio de Janeiro in March 1995 and extradited a year later.

SECURITY blotter

COMPILED BY TOM AYRES '98

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12

1:05 a.m.	Larceny of school property reported (keys and clipboard) from North Court
1:46 p.m.	Larceny of school property (2 lengths of climbing rope from Adirondack Adventure shed) from the Root Glen
6:00 p.m.	Larceny of personal property (books and computer disks) from Babbitt
7:05 p.m.	Vandalism of school property (door) in Babbitt
10:00 p.m.	False intrusion alarm in Beinecke Village

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13

9:35 a.m.	False fire alarm in CJ
12:30 p.m.	Lost personal property (wallet) between Beinecke Villlage and KJ
3:10 p.m.	Unauthorized use of personal computer reported in Minor
8:03 p.m.	Alcohol violation in Scott Fieldhouse
11:24 p.m.	Vandalism to personal property (pictures) in Carnegie

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14

2:02 a.m.	Garbage can fire triggers alarm in Bundy East
4:15 a.m.	Curtain fire sets off alarm in Keehn
11:20 a.m.	False fire alarm in CJ
4:48 p.m.	Accidental damage to school property in Kirkland (fallen ceiling tile)
7:44 p.m.	False fire alarm in Babbitt
10:07 p.m.	False fire alarm in Sage Rink

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15

3:40 p.m.	Medical emergency in Babbitt
4:04 p.m.	Medical emergency in Scott Fieldhouse

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16

4:05 a.m.	Medical emergency in MacIntosh
7:25 a.m.	Paint fumes set off fire alarm in Rogers Estate
10:45 p.m.	Medical emergency in North
10:50 a.m.	Two-car motor vehicle accident in Dunham parking lot

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17

6:45 a.m.	Attempted theft of school property (ice cream cooler) from McEwen dining hall

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

11:05 a.m.	False fire alarm in Root residence hall
4:45 p.m.	False fire alarm in Bundy East
9:12 p.m.	Pulled station triggers fire alarm in Dunham

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19

12:00 a.m.	Unauthorized use of personal computer reported in 3950 Campus Road

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Edelman: "crunch" time

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ing as well.

"The real victims are children," said Edelman. "True welfare reform would protect children and help people work and find work. That just isn't the case, however."

Individual states, under the new welfare laws, are given block sums of money and the ability to choose how to use it to assist poor people. But the system is neither equal, nor fair.

"There are some good states," said Edelman, reflecting on the current situation. "Especially Maine, Vermont, Minnesota, and Oregon. They are really helping children and trying to find work for people. Some states are really bad, like Mississippi and Idaho, who don't use much of the money they are given for welfare, and have reduced their limits to two or three years, down from the already low limit of five years."

Edelman was very serious and passionate about the things he was talking about, especially the financial state of the nation.

"We're heading for a crunch," said Edelman repeatedly throughout the lecture. "We are going to have a recession. When that happens, I'm worried about what is going to happen to the children. They have no safety net, no way to ensure that they are protected."

"The bigger picture has to include solutions for everyone, because we are all ultimately affected by the success or failure of welfare in America," he said.

Indonesia

From Sunindyo, page 1

Nevada Merriman '01, who is a student of Sunindyo's.

With this legacy of violence and political changes in mind, Sunindyo addressed the 1965 massacre when current president Haji Suharto took power. An estimated 500,000 to one million people were killed.

"Many people, if you go to Indonesia, don't want to talk about the massacre," said Sunindyo. "They don't want to be called Communist or they have repressed the memory. The connection between political change and violence is still very vivid among the people."

Sunindyo then switched gears and began to talk about Indonesia's New Order. She explained that the agenda of the New Order is to obtain economic stability and political order, and that the military legitimized their presence in the country by being placed in strategic government positions, for example the Ministry of Education. Sunindyo refers to the New Order as a "stupidization process" of the past thirty years in which the people are not allowed to think critically.

She talked about a military regime in Indonesia where if a citizen wanted to be a journalist, a college professor, a civil service employee, he or she would be required to go through a tight screening process where the government was looking for any sort of Communist association anywhere in the family.

She mentioned the detainment and beating of student activists — most members of the 3,000 strong People's Democratic party — by the military, the falsification of police records, and book burning, which Sunindyo called, "the ultimate of fascism."

"This pro-democracy movement today is not as strong yet as we hope it will be, but it's a joining of all the groups — peasants, students and the freedom of the press," she said. "It will take a while for people to start knowing how to dialogue, after a very long history of militarism and violence."

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LECTURES

Monday: Laurie Garrett, 1996 Pulitzer Prize-winning author will be speaking on "The Coming Plague, Newly Emerging Disease in a World Out of Balance" at 7:30 pm in the Chapel. Sponsored by the Plant Lecture Fund, the Levitt Public Affairs Center, the History Department, Biochemistry Program FWC, Dean of the Faculty, and the Office of the President.

Monday: Patrick Fagan, senior fellow at the Heritage Foundation, will be speaking on "Welfare Reform" at 7:30 pm in Dwight Lounge. Sponsored by the Arthur Levitt Public Affairs Center.

Thursday: At 8 pm Jodi O'Brien, Associate Professor of Sociology at Seattle University, co-author of *Production of Reality*, and the co-editor of *Everyday Inequalities: Critical Inquiries*, will be speaking on "Passionate Pursuits: The ReEnchantment of Higher Education" in the Events Barn.

FILM

This week's film will be *In and Out* and will be shown Friday and Sunday at 7:30 pm and Saturday at 10 pm in the KJ Auditorium. Sponsored by Samuel Kirkland Film Society.

ARTS

Exhibition: *The Buffalo Soldier: The African American Soldier in the U.S. Army* will be on display from January 12 to February 22. This exhibition, which is mainly photographs, concerns the first African Americans to serve in the regular peacetime U.S. Army after the Civil War. Hours are Monday - Friday, 12 - 5 pm; Saturday and Sunday, 1 - 5 pm in the Emerson Gallery.

Saturday: At 8 pm there will be a senior recital in voice given by Leah Bridgers in Wellin Hall.

Sunday: Carryl Wedding will give her senior recital in clarinet at 3 pm in Wellin Hall.

Wednesday: The play *For Colored Girls* will be performed at 6 pm in the Events Barn. Sponsored by the Departments of Theatre and Dance.

CHECK IT OUT

Friday: At 4 pm in the Hub there will be performances of various Asian-American dances, singing, and skits by Hamilton students and professors as part of Asian New Year. Sponsored by the Asian Cultural Society.

Friday: At 8 pm comedian Vince Morris will perform in the Events Barn. Sponsored by the Campus Activities Board.

Sunday: *Color Co* will be presented at noon in the Events Barn. Sponsored by the Departments of Theatre and Dance.

Monday: Come spend an Evening with Bela Fleck and the Flecktones at 8 pm in Wellin Hall. Sponsored by Campus Activities Board. Tickets are $10 with Hamilton ID, $15 without.

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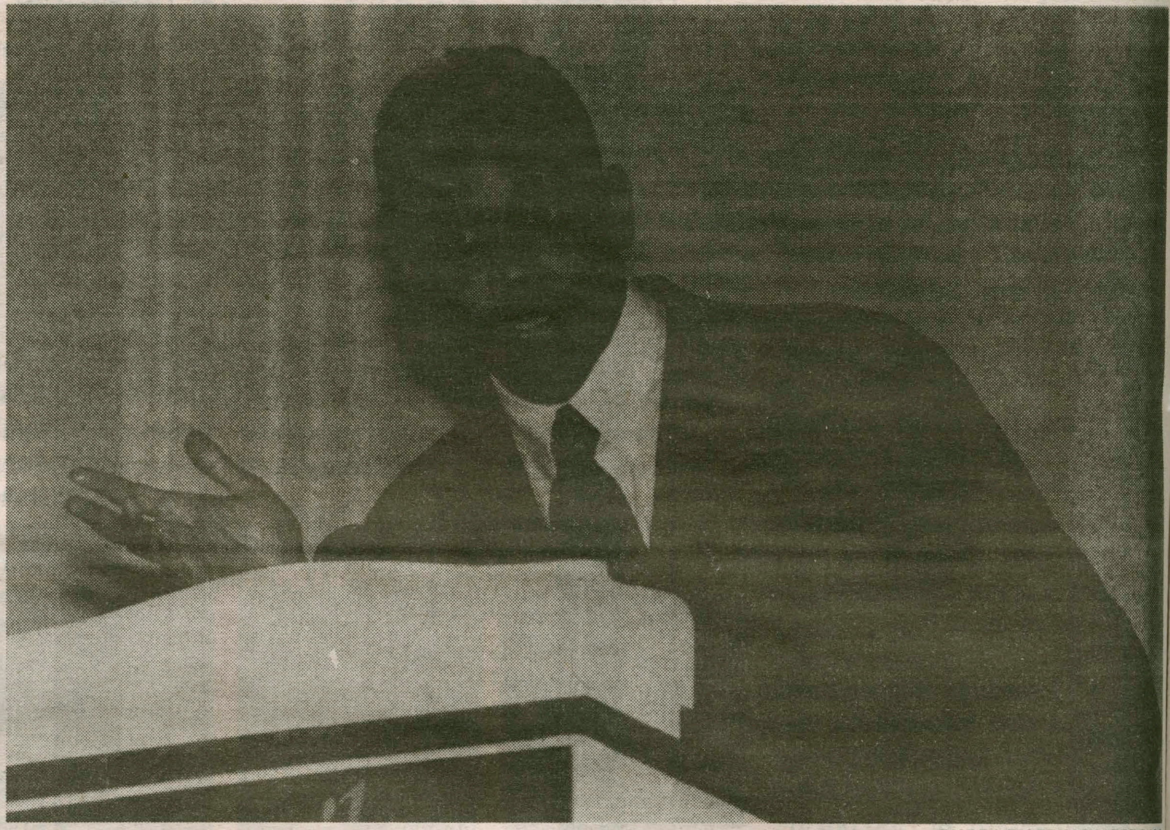
Kevin Powell shows us the real "Real World"

By Emily Hill '01
Features Writer



Kevin Powell lectures on racism in the Chapel on Wednesday night. PHOTO BY ERIN WATERS '01

Kevin Powell, the man who most people know as, "the guy from MTV's 'The Real World,'" made an appearance in the Chapel at Hamilton College on Wednesday night, February 18. This well-traveled and distinguished young man used his instant fame gained from the television show to spur his successful career in journalism. Since the first episode in 1992, which took place in his hometown of New York City, Powell has, as the posters around campus state, "established himself as a journalistic authority on race, sex, and other social issues," through such publications as The New York Times, Essence, Vibe, and Rolling Stone magazines. His first book, Keeping It Real, has received high acclaim from several major writers, including Maya Angelou. Brought to the hill by the Black and Latin Student Union, the Office of the President, Multicultural Affairs, and the Higher Education Opportunity Program to speak on the topic of "Campus Racism in the '90's," Powell exceeded expectations. His charisma and light humor quickly engaged the fairly large crowd in the chapel, as he made many interesting points about racism, and also posed challenging questions for everyone to consider.

Powell began his speech by outlining his background, and in turn explaining to the audience how it has affected his current attitudes, because, "You can't understand where someone is coming from unless you know their entire background." Born and raised in the ghetto of Jersey City by a single mom on welfare, he grew up hating himself and the person he felt he was slated by society to become. Without a father figure ever present in his life, or many positive black role models in either history or present society to look up to, he fell victim to an inferiority complex at an early age. Though Powell went to, as he said, "the best public school in Jersey City," he still got a "mis-education," because the curriculum was not integrated with any of the contributions black people made to the founding of the United States. Therefore, as he pointed out, "If you don't learn about yourself you're not going to like yourself." From the beginning, he had a negative image of himself.

Powell went on to talk about his experience as an undergraduate at Rutgers University. It was one that transformed him into an inquisitive, and "angry black man," as many people remember him from "The Real World." Jesse Jackson's campaign for the Presidency had a profound impact on him, making him realize that black people don't have to be solely hustlers, ball-players, or rappers, but in fact are capable of much more. As a child he said that "you are only going to want to be what you see in famous role models," and for him that hadn't extended past the ball-player range. This new understanding motivated Powell to become a political science major, and spurred his desire to learn. His love of reading was reignited and through his own self-initiative he "tried to make up for eighteen years of mis-education in four years." It was at this point that Powell digressed for a moment to advise students to take advantage of the free time they have at college, and "learn about the America you don't know."

Powell then elaborated on the works of Malcolm X, admitting that Riff Riff moved him to tears, because it was the first time he had ever read anything with which he could really relate. Finally, someone had written about experiences similar to his. Hence, Malcolm X became his role model. One of the aspects Powell most admired about Malcolm was that he was constantly "trying to evolve (into a better person)." This mission to become a better person was one of Powell's main points to the audience, one which he mentioned several times.

Unfortunately, as a college student, Powell couldn't get past the angry feelings. At a certain time in his life he was so angry with white people that he refused to eat white bread, for example, and would purposely bump into white students on the predominantly white campus at Rutgers. Powell just "didn't want anything to do with anything white." As he had said earlier in defense of Malcolm's anger towards whites, "there's always a context that creates people's feelings and emotions."

For Powell, this context was the inferiority he had felt growing up, as well as the confining all-white environment at Rutgers. He admitted to always feeling inferior there, because of the subtle and often unknowingly racist comments that both faculty and students made. "I felt like the four years were one big protest," and he gave the following explanation for why black and hispanic students often segregate themselves at predominantly white institutions. It is an "opposition of space," where a minority in a certain population joins together when they feel like they are in a hostile environment.

Powell then went on to challenge the audience with several ideas and questions. His main task to the students that he stressed over and over was to "try to be a broader, more knowledgeable human being when you graduate than when you came to college." He asked everyone to ask themselves, "Am I going to be part of the problem or part of the solution?" According to Powell, the solution is not a difficult one. It is to simply broaden your mind by learning about others, because through that one becomes a better human being. He pointed out that "many people would rather watch the 'Jerry Springer Show' than do some serious thinking about issues of racism," and unless people do their learning, racism in the world is "not going to change." Unless everyone makes the decision to challenge themselves and grow, they will go through life holding the same ignorant views of different ethic groups. Powell ended with the point that we must share this philosophy of learning and growing as a person with others if the world is to change, and he encouraged white students to take the initiative to reach out to the Black and Latino students, as usually it is the other way around with programs such as this. "It is up to people in this generation," he said, "to change the deeply entrenched racist attitudes still held by many people."

After the talk, Powell held a question and answer session, where he fielded several questions from the audience. One of the issues he touched on was his own personal change in becoming a proactive rather than a reactionary person in how he dealt with anger. In response to the question of why he changed, he replied that it was actually due to all the negative feedback he got from his angry behavior on "The Real World." He also got tired of always being angry, because it "took up too much energy", and he realized shouting or violence was not getting him anywhere. Powell said that he often tells people who are unable to get past their painful childhood experiences that they "have to deal with the childhood baggage and move on. Learn to take the pain and transform it into something better." As Elizabeth Guancial '01 aptly said after the speech, "I liked his message because it didn't exclude non-minorities and it had a proactive message for everyone."

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RILEY'S

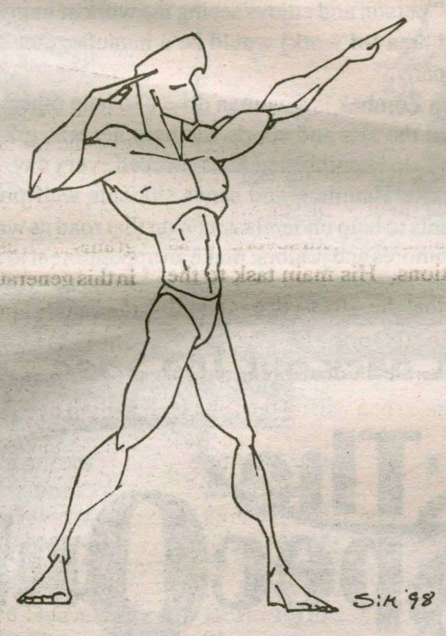
Occasional Ramblings

Grinding in the rumor mill

BY RILEY FENNER '00
FEATURES EDITOR

Living in an extremely self-contained environment such as Hamilton College, we tend to lose touch with the outside world. It's hard to get anyone from the Great Beyond, as in beyond the borders of our campus, to give us information unless we pay them for it. We can get our news from newspapers or cable television, or the internet if we're true technocrats. However, since we tend to pay more attention to real live people than to printed words and flat, talking heads, it becomes easy to ignore the outside world. Because of our ignorance, we're very susceptible to fantastic and false rumors.

"There are now Internet gambling sites, run entirely legally, because the world wide web isn't confined by any community or state's standards of morality. There are sites for gambling on the Olympics and other sporting events, on horse races, and even on world affairs. The US-Iraq bombing-date pool site has already had over a million hits. It was only a matter of time before gamblers took a clue from pornographers and started making electronic wagers. In fact, a few enterprising websites have combined the two, and offer the opportunity to wager on *nude mud wrestling* matches that are shown as video clips on the site at regularly scheduled times."



"President Clinton announced last week that he was responsible for a rash of prank phone calls in his hometown as a teenager. Recordings of his voice saying things like, 'Your hound dog's too ugly to let out of the yard,' were made public recently by the FBI. Clinton defended his actions by saying that he always called collect when he made prank calls."

"A new diet plan has been devised by biological researchers. Tapeworms have been infected with fatal diseases, and can be ingested into the body, where they will limit the body's intake of nourishment for a week or two, before dying and leaving the system. The crash diet plan will be available soon on a limited basis, requiring a doctor's prescription."

"No one will any longer be allowed to drive a car with the windows open or the doors unlocked, because by doing so they increase their risk of injury in an accident. Those without air conditioning in their cars will need to suffer, give up driving, change climates, or update their vehicles in the face of this new law. The bill was promoted heavily by lobbyists for insurance companies who want to minimize payments on their claims. An additional clause requires that by the year 2000, all new cars be made without opening windows and with doors that lock automatically upon being shut."

"A new species of tree has been genetically engineered. Called the Yellow Shag Tree, it is designed to take root and grow in deep carpeting. It gets its nourishment from dirt and food that gets spilled and tracked into the rug. Its designed to bring life and oxygen to the modern living room."

"The United States Military has begun recruiting for its newest branch of the Armed Services. The United States Mole Men (USMM) are destined to be an elite underground fighting force that will stealthily move underneath our enemies and set up subterranean POW camps and Supply Stations for above-ground forces. In addition, the USMM may be used to coordinate surprise strikes against key enemy cities from underneath. The ideal Mole Man will be pale-complexioned and skinny, so that he can fit in the tight quarters of underground barracks. It is uncertain how widespread the underground tunnels of the USMM will become, but military leaders have projected scenarios in which the next World War will be fought entirely beneath the Earth's surface."

"A new machine, the Thought-Animator 2000, has been developed to make our thoughts into video format while they are happening. The machine will be used mainly for purposes of dream analysis. The rights to all videos produced by a person's thoughts will be owned exclusively by them, and can thereafter be sold by the person to MTV or any media company that wants them. The machine is expected to make psychedelic drug use a much more profitable activity."

These rumors, however untrue they may be, are reflective of how we actually see the outside world. Because we only pay attention to the rest of the human race when major events occur, we see the news as a series of incredible and surprising events that are going to make the world into an alien landscape by the time we reenter it. If we pay a little more attention to the news, maybe we'll be able to communicate with the earthlings when we meet them.

Dennis Prager brings the happiness

BY STEPHEN MICKLE '00
FEATURES WRITER

On Monday evening, a gentleman named Dennis Prager gave a short seminar on happiness, and more specifically, the problems we must face from day to day. Although attendance at the event fell below fifty students, Dr. Prager persisted in his dry yet hysterical humor, moving the audience despite its size.

"Happiness lies in sidelining events in one's life which cannot be controlled," Dr. Prager began. Though this statement seemed quite straightforward, Prager added off-the-cuff humor which drove the ideas into students' minds. Dr. Prager was, in junior Ari Fingeroth's words, "down to earth– he spoke about a very serious topic in a light yet surprisingly effective tone." Dr. Prager also detailed many of the misconceptions and truths about two of life's dueling forces: good and evil.

Dr. Prager touched on one particular idea which perhaps presents itself more often than not in situations around Hamilton. Let us hypothesize that an individual may possess any image of his life/lifestyle that he or she wishes. This statement, in its vagueness, seems fairly acceptable. The trick is, in Dr. Prager's words, that one's image of their life must be entirely parallel to that all-powerful R-word: *reality*. Dr. Prager cited an example of a friend he once knew who wanted to get married and raise a happy, healthy family. There was, however, one problem. This man had a particular image of what qualities his wife would need to embrace. Of course, everyone wants the perfect spouse, right? Well, to conclude the story, this man would accept nothing less than a Playboy bunny who studied the Torah on a very rigorous schedule. Thus, he experienced an ever present clash of dreams and reality.

On his radio talk show in California, Dr. Prager covers topics from manic depression to breast implants. Dr. Prager enjoys his work very much, and gives speeches and seminars all over the country. Is he effective? Let's ask Dan Marangi '01: "I thought my life was on a downward spiral when my inflatable Superbowl chair was stolen; then I attended Dr. Prager's seminar, and I immediately saw a twinkle at the end of that ominous tunnel." And so, even the most spiritually extreme, like our friend Dan, seemed to take something valuable away from Dr. Prager's speech. Since I have found the reader takes more away from an article when they have direct student feedback, let us finish with one more statement, this time from James Taylor '01: "Although I had some rather serious engagements to attend to with my roommates, I did make it to the speech. The whole idea seemed a tad hokey, but in the long run, he relieved a lot of my dilating stress." Let this be a lesson to all: one hour of seminar attendance is a small price to pay for happiness.

Dr. Dennis Prager

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FACES IN THE CROWD

Virginia Zombek

By Shauna Wreschner
Features Writer

Let's be honest, how many of us think to ourselves, "Gee, I have a free minute. I should make an appointment at the Career Center" - not too many! For those of you who have actually taken the initiative and gone to the Career Center, Virginia Zombek is a familiar and pleasant face.

Zombek is the Recruiting Coordinator for the Career Center. She recruits companies to bring representatives here for interviews with seniors. "I act like a liaison between students and employers. I keep contact with alumni to act as an intermediary network for students," says Zombek. This is one of the reasons that Zombek is mostly familiar with seniors and not underclass students, although she would like that to change.

Zombek came to the Career Center at Hamilton in 1988 and has been here ever since. She says, "I followed a woman who was here for seventeen years, and I felt like I didn't know that much. But with every class I learned more and more."

Leaving New York to go to college in Ohio, she knew she would be back someday. "I loved upstate New York. I couldn't wait to get back here. I am a visually oriented person and I love the rolling hills of New York." Interestingly enough, Zombek went to school to become a teacher and wound up coming back as a recruiter.

Zombek studied teaching in college, and she spent her summers working for the New York Employment Office, when she returned home. After she graduated she found that teaching positions were scarce, and returned to what she knew and loved. "There was a teacher glut in the 70's and the 'baby-boomers' were making their mark," says Zombek, "there were so many would-be teachers, I found that I couldn't find a position in upstate New York. So, I went back to 'plan B' and what I knew."

After graduation, Zombek returned to the Mohawk Valley and became a Program Coordinator for the Oneida County Youth Program. She says of working with students over the years, "Students have always been my first love. I have had ample opportunity to go off and do other things but I love it."

It is her desire to help students and her talent for recruiting that makes her want to get students into the Career Center as soon as possible. "The Career Center is probably the most under-used service on campus. Students either leave the College and come back to the Career Center and say "Help!" or they come back to us and say, 'You people were a great help and more students should use you,'" says Zombek.

It is disappointing to Zombek that the number of students who don't use the Center or are intimidated by it is so large. She fears that most students think the summer jobs or full-time jobs offered at the Center are too competitive for them and they give up before they begin. "If they come in," she says, "we can find out where they are, teach them networking and find the best place for them. We want to help students find what is suited to them. [The counselors here] want to gear students' job searches individually and I'd be happy to help them start."

When she is not at the Career Center, Virginia can be found indulging her love of the arts or sports. While she was growing up Zombek played many sports including : tennis, volleyball, ice skating, skiing and water skiing. She also danced for more than eighteen years. She is also picking up skating as another hobby.

"I am deciding to pick up ice skating again. When you live in upstate New York you need something you like to do in the winter or you turn into a little mole. My children are older now and I can do something a little more individual. Just don't look for me in a tutu," she says.

Zombek also considers herself as an "artsy" person and enjoys seeing the work of many artists. She says that her "second area [of work] would be a manufacturer's representative for a textile company."

Virginia Zombek is a woman driven to help others succeed. Aside from her talents in the arts and sports she uses her wit, grace and knowledge of recruiting to help Hamilton students succeed every day. She keeps companies coming back to Hamilton and sends students well-prepared to employers. Now she wants to help underclassmen on that road as well. So, to all you first-years, sophomores and juniors: make an appointment to see Virginia Zombek. She is the one to help you get a jump start on your life off the hill.

Virginia Zombek, Career Center Recruiting Coordinator
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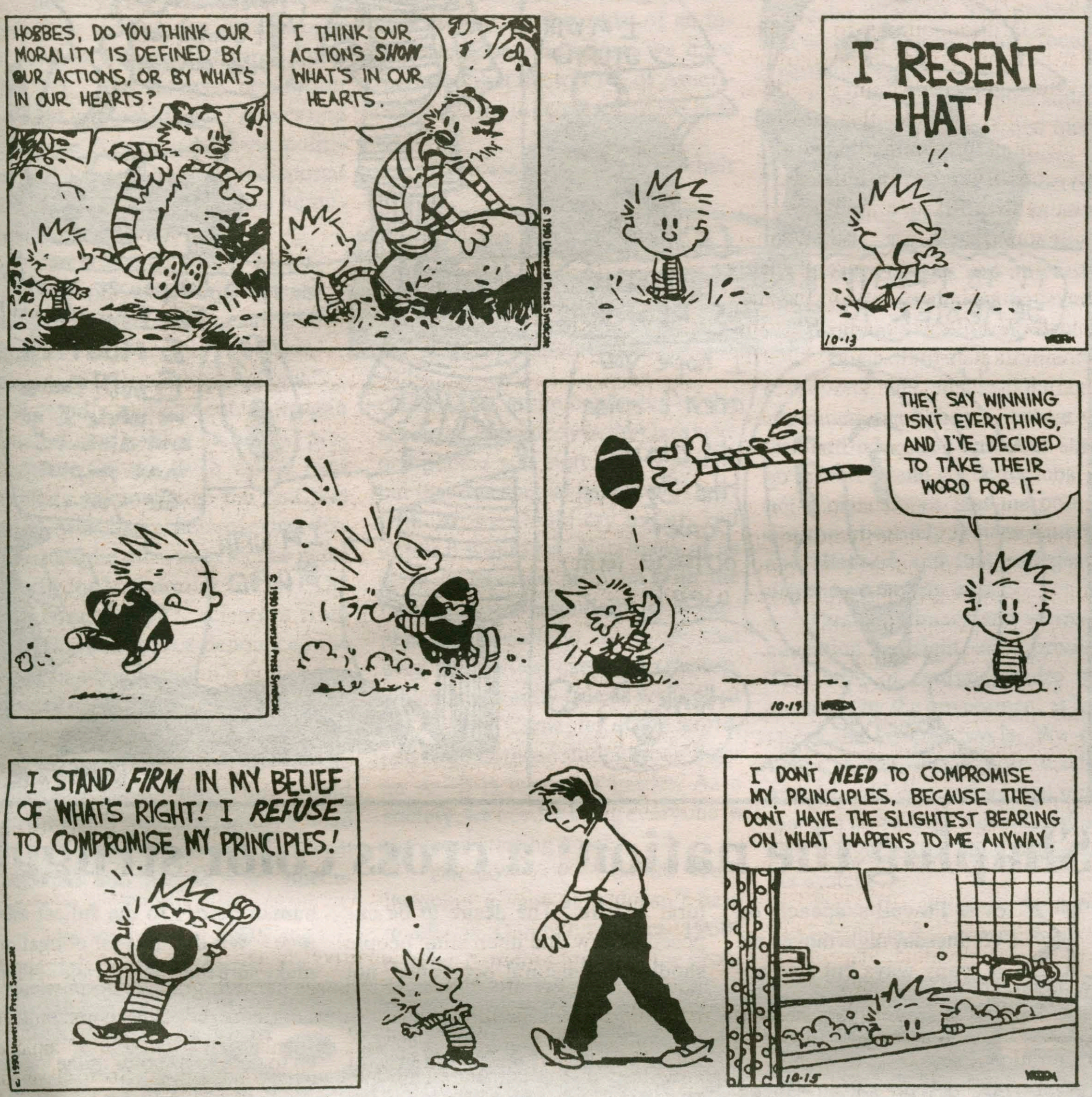
Calvin and Hobbes

by Bill Watterson



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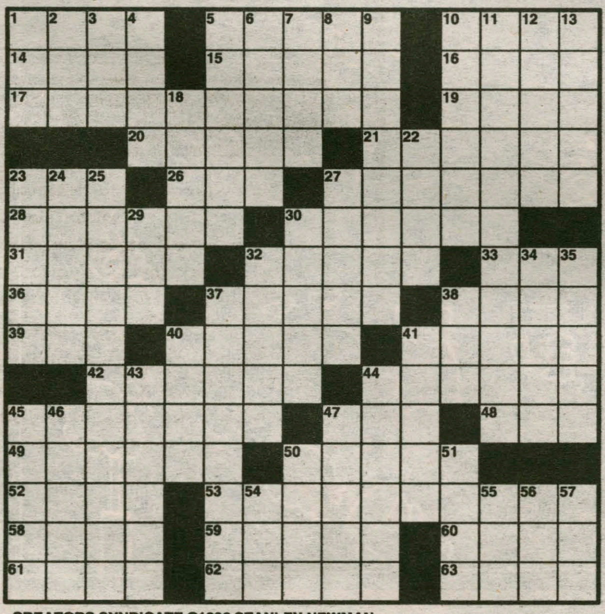

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-Hawk referring to the consistancy of drawing pencils

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EDITORIAL

Thinking it through

Sitting in class. Tick, tick, tick... Time is dragging on endlessly. The professor asks another question. No one answers. You scribble some notes in the margins of your otherwise pristine notebook. What are you doing??? Are you even paying attention to what's happening around you?

So many students go to classes each day for the sole purpose of being there -- for the attendance records. They sit there, unthinking, unfeeling, looking up every three minutes just to glance longingly at the clock. Then the professor stops lecturing and students stumble over each other to be the among the first out of the room. Very few students stay behind to ask questions; very few students take full advantage of the incredible amount of access that most professors provide.

Sometimes one wonders how many students even think during their classes. It seems that they simply shrug off the lecture and do the assigned reading. All without thinking. What is the point of doing the work if you're not learning anything?

No, this is not a clever way to justify a backlog of make-up readings, rather it is a wake up call for drones. If you do not bother to think about the work that you are doing, to think about that question your professor asked you in class yesterday, are you actually learning anything? Sure, you may be doing all of the assigned reading. You may even be able to list each dynasty in Chinese history, but have you learned to think for yourself in the midst of this memorization and regurgitation?

Sometimes it is difficult to speak-up in class. You may not be comfortable speaking before a large group or sharing your ideas with people that you don't even know. You may feel unprepared. You may even have so many ideas floating around in your head that you don't know what you think. That's why you're here. You're here to learn to sort out all of the options, sides, and viewpoints that you are assaulted with each time you turn on the television or read the paper.

A stereotype of the typical collegiate experience may include sitting around with your Econ professor in a dark, artsy little cafe, drinking cappucino or lattes and discussing the evils of capitalism. This stereotype, unlike many others, is a good one. Buy into it Hamilton! In twenty years when you're sitting around with your spouse watching Jeopardy, wondering which Hungryman dinner to warm-up you may just think back to your college days and wish that you still had the opportunity to have an intelligent discourse.

The moral of this Editorial: use the incredible human resources available to you. Think!

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Shaping the nation; a cross color struggle

JENNIFER IRVINE '00
THE YELLOW FLASH

Kevin Powell's speech on Wednesday night moved me in many ways but also appalled and angered me at the same time. He was a very effective and inspirational speaker, yet seemed to offer no direction nor solution to the object of his ire.

He effectively related many racial campus phenomenons that I, no matter how often my friends of color explained it, just could not understand, such as the self-segregated lunch room.

I too see the ridiculousness in the necessity of an Office of Multi-Cultural Affairs. The desire to be exposed to new and interesting people should be a natural occurance, not one to be forced upon us.

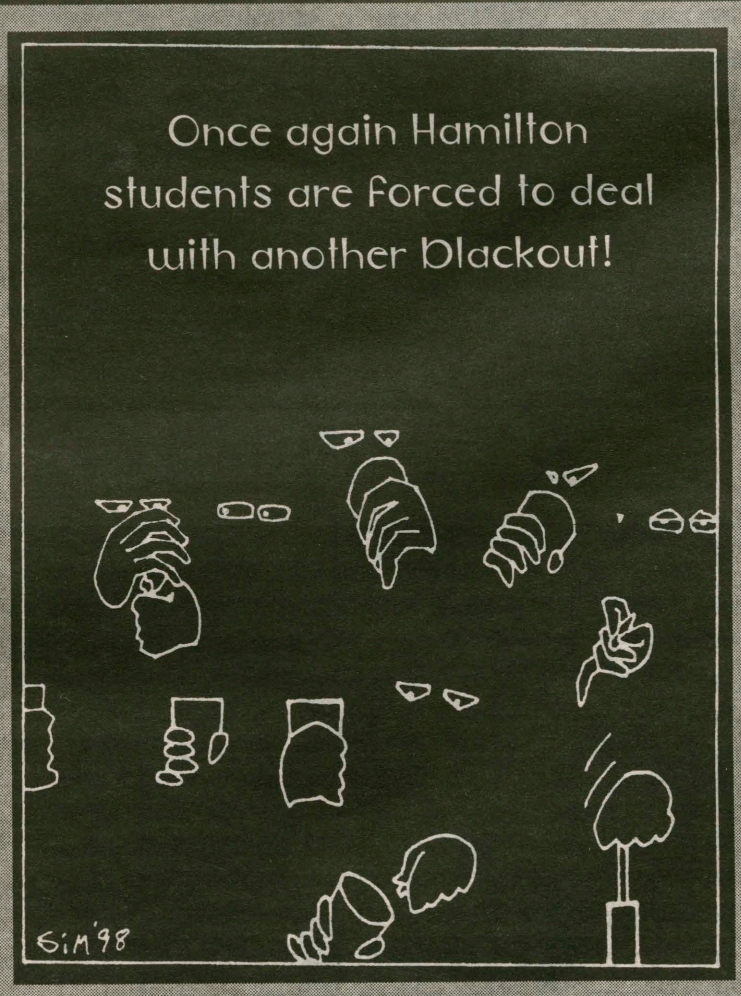
I, speaking as a woman, agree whole-heartedly that women and people of color have a cultural responsibility to each other. We do have an obligation to succeed, to vote, to use our privledge to live as rational human beings to the fullest advantage. We do have an obligation to make sure that the suffrage of the past was not in vain.

However, I do not agree that it is up to people of color alone to further their progress in society. It is not simply a struggle for and of "black people." It is not a struggle where there are specific roles for culture groups, but a struggle together. We have the same goal, the same abilities to further integrate society. He's right in saying that everyone's history, everyone's experiences, are important. But the most important history to me is where the cultures coincide. The struggle for civil rights was a long, frustrating process, one which benefited from the contributions of many white people as well as black. There were white people at Martin Luther King's "I have a dream..." speech too.

Mr. Powell spent much of his time discussing the primary and secondary American education systems, or rather the "miseducation" systems. The textbooks we use in grades K-12 are unintegrated, watered down versions of history. I am ashamed to admit that two weeks ago I finally learned Abraham Lincoln's true role in the emancipation of slaves, and it wasn't because he harbored any strong convictions about equality for all.

National standardized tests are not balanced, on this we can agree. But Mr. Powell was obviously a supporter of ebonics, demonstrating "New York lingo". If we accept ebonics as another language and make ammends for such distortions of the American language, as dictated by Webster, how are students going to understand the classic novels Mr. Powell enjoys so much? Are we going to provide translations of Richard Wright, Edgar Allen Poe, and Mark Twain for those schooled in ebonics?

THE LEADING BRAND by Brandon Sim '99



What Ronald Reagan, Laurie Garrett, education and poverty have in common

John Doench '00
Better, not Good

In 1981 Ronald Reagan took office as President. Already brewing in the streets of many American cities such as San Francisco and New York was what would be the most defining situation of the 1980s, the AIDS epidemic.

Initially, AIDS research received very little funding, for, in the words of Surgeon General C. Everett Coop in 1991, "the Reagan revolution brought into positions of power and influence Americans whose political and personal beliefs predisposed them to antipathy toward the homosexual community."

The so-called Moral Majority, who played a large role in Reagan's initial election and who Reagan would need in 1984, lambasted AIDS as a "gay plague" and "God's punishment." Reagan listened, and neither he nor his predecessor George Bush would ever publicly acknowledge the fact that AIDS was also a heterosexual disease, despite piles of evidence gathered by Joe McCormick and the CDC in Africa. In 1987, scientists from America and France denounced the Reagan administration's policies as "based on irrational fears rather than science."

This continued ignorance by the Reagan/Bush administration would let the AIDS epidemic rapidly spread in the United States, as blood went untested and people went uneducated.

The rest of the AIDS saga is better left to Laurie Garrett, but I do think this raises a larger issue, of marginalized groups in our society. The main stumbling block in the early fight against AIDS was the fact that homosexuals were the largest group of infected individuals.

The poor are another such group, and they are just as marginalized now as ever. In the midst of an incredible economic boom, we have forgotten that the top 1% of Americans have more money than the bottom 90%.

If professors were to tell their classes that, at the beginning of the semester, everybody in the class save one person will start with 0 points, but that one special person will start with 20, we would cry unfair, and unfair it would be. Yet, many of us seem to have no problem with the fact that this is essentially what happens in our society. Some say that even the lowliest can rise to the top, which is certainly true as we look at the Andrew Carnegies of the world, just as all of those students could get an A—it is just a lot harder. As a society, we need to bring everyone to the same starting point.

But how do we do it? Well, throwing money at it doesn't help much, as Democrats circa 1960s proved. Nor does ignoring the problem and spending money on weapons, as Republicans circa 1980 showed. Witness the New Deal, World War II, and the Space Race; all involved a crisis that was resolved in large part due to government action. Once we put our minds to it, America, and our government, is very good at solving a particular dilemma. The problem is that we often ignore or can't focus on a particular issue.

In his State of the Union address, President Clinton mentioned quite a few ideas on how to improve our country. The one I found most compelling was his call to education. For a nation that has the best colleges and universities in the world, we have awful primary education. And because of this, the vicious cycle of poverty and wealth-polarization continues; poor people receive substandard education and thus cannot go to college and get better jobs. It is not a coincidence that the poor are disproportionately African American and Hispanic and that colleges are disproportionately white.

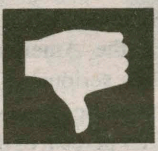
Quality primary and secondary education is a right, not a privilege. This will, of course, require more spending by the government at local, state, and federal levels. We need better facilities and more teachers, and this will cost money, but money that can come from a decreased military budget and a more progressive tax system.

Education should be the number one priority in this country, because it goes a long way in easing society's woes; a more-educated person is less likely to need welfare or land in prison.

Hopefully, we could count on one hand the number of people in this country who are ideologically pro-poverty and anti-education. And since poverty and education go hand-in-hand, we should, at least partly through the machinery of our government, be able to attack this problem with success.

Thumbs Up, Thumbs Down

By "Serge Skyway" & Jennifer Irvine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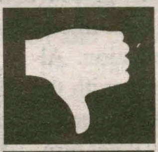
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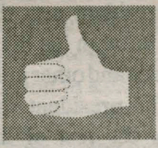
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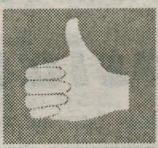
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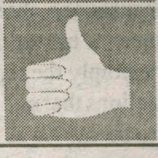
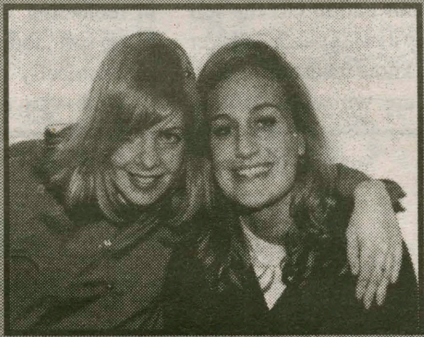

Sig party in Bundy...wow...

VOICE BOX

Should a president be subjected to personal investigation while in office?

Seth Crockett '98
"Sure, but not by a crack-pot team of fat cat, G.O.P. backed, publicity-hungry disgraces to the legal profession."

Missy Long '98
"Yes, if he's in suspicion of having broken the law. Otherwise leave him alone. P.S. Seth's answer is better than mine."


Dana Wade '01 & Temple Gregory '01
"We think that any person in public office subjects himself to the public eye, and the consequences thereafter."

Katherine Beaulier '01
"Most definitely. He should burn in Hell."

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1. Submissions are due by 6:00 p.m. the Thursday before publication. Submissions can be sent to *The Spectator* via campus mail, email at "spec@hamilton.edu", or sent to one of the Letters and Op-Ed editors. Submissions can also be dropped off at *The Spectator's* office on the third floor of the Bristol Campus Center. The editor reserves the right to refuse any late submissions.

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PRO con

Simply put, the president's moral conduct matters, and not for some of the reasons you may think. The President of the United States's moral conduct matters because he is the spokesperson for American politics, because he is a role model, whether he likes it or not, and because it is essential that he be trusted.

My assertions don't apply only to President Clinton, but to all presidents, past and future. "Politics" is considered a dirty word here in the United States. Why? Since the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, the nation has become tremendously disillusioned with politics - and why not? A popular president was murdered, Lyndon Johnson fought an unpopular war, Richard Nixon resigned over Watergate, and Gerald Ford legitimized Nixon's illegal acts by giving him a Presidential pardon. Moving through the eighties, Ronald Reagan and George Bush were buried in the Iran-Contra quagmire, and President Clinton - well, pick a scandal, any scandal. All these events have turned the American people against politics, seriously undermining our democratic process. After all, less than fifty percent of the registered voters in the United States voted in the last election. Although dissatisfaction with the political climate may not be the sole reason for a low voter turnout, it is certainly a factor.

"How does this concern the President?" you might ask. As the most visible member of our national government, the president sets the tone for the nation through his State of the Union addresses and other public appearances. The president can set an example for the rest of the government to follow by being morally conscious. If the president aggressively attacks government corruption and wasteful spending, Congress will follow. If the president abstains from abuses of power, and pursues accountability for those who abuse their power, the rest of the government will get the hint.

KEITH ST. GERMAIN '00
PRO

Being the President of the United States requires sacrifices. To reach the office of President, sacrifices must be made, and while in office these sacrifices continue. A president is a role model. Charles Barkley may say "I'm not a role model,"but public figures fascinate people and are idolized. The leader of the free world is no exception. A President sacrifices his personal life and a great deal of freedom when he first steps in the White House. Everything he does will be scrutinized. Keeping this in mind, the President should be mindful that his engaging in any activity implies a degree of acceptance of it, and therefore should always think before he acts. I realize that our Presidents are human and have made mistakes - in fact Presidents will make mistakes in office. Nevertheless, a President should obviously do all he can to insure that his conduct remains proper.

Besides recognizing that he is a role model and, behaving as such, the president should also realize the integral role that trust plays in a presidency. Once politicians lost the trust of the people, citizens began to dislike politics, which is a shame. A president's word should be considered good, because when he speaks to foreign leaders, his word is the word of the American people. Every lie the president tells undermines his credibility and gives the public another reason to distrust politicians, who do, after all, work for the people.

The President's moral fiber is incredibly important. By showing good moral judgement the president can restore public faith in the government, be a positive role model, and be taken at his word by world leaders. In the particular case of President Clinton, it may well be too late to change the scandal ridden course of his Presidency, but can serve as a model to his successors that an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.

Should the President uphold a moral standard?

Charles Barkley is not my role model, nor is Michael Jordan or Kenny G., nor is the President of the United States, Mr. Bill Clinton himself. If I were to get my morals from Bill, I would probably be thrown out of Hamilton College. However if I had his knowledge and communication skills, I probably would not be here either.

The president has waded into troubled waters as of late with the newest uprising of supposed sexual relations with women other than Miss Hillary. This makes Clinton backers angry, critics wish this is the final straw, and a vast majority of people upset at the disruption of their train of thought. We have become so accustomed to learning about Bill's "sketchy" past, we have become tolerant of any new accusations about the president that threaten his moral code. However, is it simply the repetition of these accusations that make us so invulnerable to them? Or is it that we simply do not care about the personal life of the president as much as the press would like us to?

Unfortunately, what's done is done and one would like to think that a man in such a noble, respectable position such as Clinton would try to show a little more integrity regarding the likes of matrimony and parenthood. We'd like to assume that the man leading our nation has the self control to "keep it in his pants." Never assume: we all know what that makes.

So what are we really talking about here? I do not deny that news such as sexual relations between the president and an intern should be made aware to the public, however it should not be as scrutinized by the press as this case has been The president's obvious ability to lead a nation should not be jeopardized by missteps in his personal life. He did get voted in for a second term as president by the same American public that was aware of how he kind of smoked pot and how he kind of had oral sex with a woman while Governor of Arkansas.

The people made the right choice in reelecting Clinton. The U.S. is better off socially, politically, and economically--these gains far outweigh having a "perfect" president.

As I write this, Clinton's approval rating is higher than that of JFK after the Cuban Missile Crisis or George Bush after the invasion of Iraq. To me, this is an indication of what the American people actually do *care* about. We care about our national well-being. We cherish our health and security and we would like to see the least number of people killed as possible in the unfortunate time of warfare. We also want smaller classrooms for our public schools, a more concise form of national health care, racial equality in the workforce, and a level-headed man into whose hands we place our general health and national safety.

JOHN MEEHAN '00
CON

Even mainstream feminist groups that were greatly troubled by the likes of Clarence Thomas and Bob Packwood still show significant support for Clinton. The president of the National Women's Political Caucus, Anita Perez, admits that the allegations against Clinton are very serious, however, she also says, "we haven't been disappointed in this president and his policies, which have been particularly beneficial to women and families."

The proof is in the pudding. Whatever Clinton does in his spare time does not affect whether the unemployment rate will suddenly rise or whether somebody's son or daughter will be sent overseas to possibly never return.

The public is not necessarily supporting Clinton, but rather supporting the ideas of tolerance and privacy in regard to his personal life. It is not that Americans don't care, but maybe it is just we don't care to know the truth. It would only make a squeamish matter even more nauseating.

We wanted to know the truth behind such occurrences as Watergate and Whitewater because it has more relevance to what we as the public should, at least, care about. Of course, it is human nature to strike an interest in sex, especially when it has to do with someone as colorful and prestigious as the president. However, what Clinton was doing with Monica Lewinsky is not as important as what he is doing with foreign policy.

The morals I have learned through the years have been developed most prominently by my parents, teachers, and coaches. My moral code has never been affected by someone whom I do not know personally and I will not start now. I don't think that it is all right to sleep around when I'm married just because Bill Clinton may have. It would certainly be nice if the president, or anyone in such a respectable position, never did anything wrong and led completely clean and honest lives.

However, boys will be boys, and men will be men. His personal life should be kept that way: personal. Really, the only person who should be concerned is his wife, Hillary. If Bill held a working-class job and had these same misfortunes, it may have resulted in a separation or divorce from his wife; however, it is a stretch to say that it would affect how well he flips the burgers.

I want to set the record straight right now in that I do not support the actions allegedly committed by President Clinton. However, I do want to state that the personal life of the president should not be made such a spectacle by the mass media. In addition, any morals regarding Clinton's sexual life should be addressed by his wife, not the public.

In a perfect world the President of the United States would solve the nation's problems while leading a life of Puritan ideals. However our world, our nation, and our own president are far from perfect. May we attempt to forgive and forget and evaluate President Clinton as a leader, not a role model.

To: All Students

From: Jan Coates, Dean of Students

Subject: Social/Multi-Purpose Space

Date: February 20, 1998

On Thursday, March 5, members of the Trustee Sub-Committee on Social Space will be on campus to hear from students about campus social activities and corresponding social/multi-purpose space needs.

If you are interested in meeting with the Trustee Sub-Committee to present your views on this issue, please submit a brief written summary of your ideas to me by Tuesday, February 24, 1998. Furthermore, in your statement explain how your view is representative of others. Determination of those students identified to meet with the Sub-Committee will be based on the written material submitted, and by lottery. All written summaries will be made available to members of the Sub-Committee.

Committee members are eager to hear creative ideas and original opinions from as many students as possible. All those invited to speak with the Trustee Sub-Committee on Social Space will be informed of the appropriate time and place. This is an excellent opportunity to meet with members of the Board of Trustees who are eager to listen to students' opinions and ideas.

If you have any questions, please contact my office. Thank you, in advance, for your assistance!

Professor disputes Desert Thunder according to Just War Theory

RICK WERNER
JOHN S. KENNEDY
PROFESSOR OF PHILOSOPHY

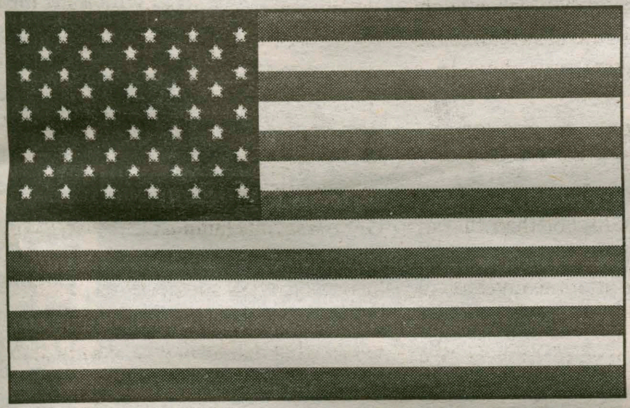
According to Just War Theory the moral use of military force requires a just cause. According to the U.N. Charter of 1945, in particular Article 51 coupled with article 2(4), anticipatory self-defense is not a just cause.

Self-defense must be self-defense against an actual attack. While it is arguable that anticipatory self-defense is justified when it is necessary to insure national survival, that is not an issue in Desert Thunder. President Clinton, as recently as February 17th, proclaimed that the purpose of Desert Thunder is to impede Iraq's attempt to build and use weapons of mass destruction against its neighbors. This is surely anticipatory self-defense.

There is no attack from Iraq and no one claims that Iraq is about to eliminate another nation. It seems reasonable to conclude that our attack on Iraq will stand in violation of the U.N. Charter. Yet we justify our attack on Iraq because it does not fully comply with U.N. Resolutions. The same U.N. whose charter we intend to violate when we attack. The same U.N. that does not support our attack of Iraq. Are we hypocritical? Is our cause just?

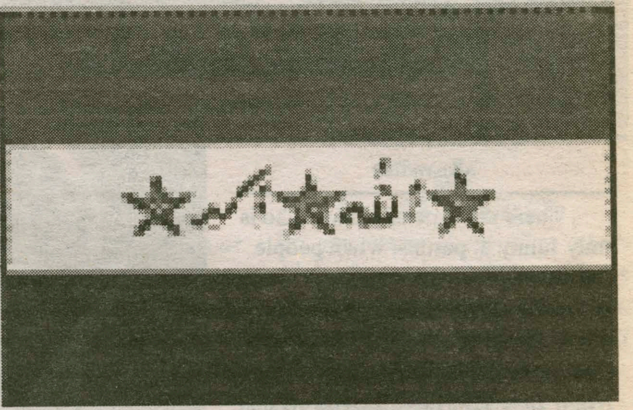
In addition, when the Senate ratified the Chemical Weapons Convention Implementation Act of 1997, it was with the proviso (Section 307) that our president not only has the right to tell inspection teams where they may and may not go but also has the right to object to any individual on the team.

But when Iraq insists on these same rights, we object that they are attempting to thwart international inspections at will. Cannot the same charge be leveled against use? Are we insincere? The U.S. has the world's largest stockpiles of weapons of mass destruction. Yet we threaten to attack Iraq because they are building such weapons. Once again questions of hypocrisy arise. Let me be clear, I am no apologist for Iraq, its weapons or its wars. But in our new assumed role of world policeman we seem to have forgotten that even the police are not above the law. Iraq's destructive threat to its neighbors should be stopped, but by negotiation not by war. The influence and interests of the nations of the world should be brought to bear against Iraq, not simply the influence and interests of a single nation.



Just War Theory holds that the goals of a war must be proportionate to the damage the war will create. President Clinton tells us that we are unable to destroy all of Iraq's weapons of mass destruction. We can only slow their production. Moreover, we may need to strike again to further impede Iraq's weapons development. We are largely ignorant of the location of the weapons of mass destruction which makes their destruction difficult and collateral damage (innocent deaths) high. By President Clinton's own admission, Desert Thunder cannot produce a just peace as required by Just War Theory.

President Yeltsin warns of a possible world war. Few of our allies will support Desert Thunder. The Arab states, those neighbors of Iraq we allegedly protect by our attack, largely oppose the war. Israel is ambivalent. How can this war produce a just and lasting peace?



Just War Theory requires that innocent civilians remain immune from direct attack during wartime. Over 100,000 people were killed during Desert Storm, with 80-90% of the casualties children, women and civilian men. Consider the children who will die in Desert Thunder. Surely a child is innocent. Surely children are innocent with respect to the violation of U.N. resolutions, even if they are made to surround military targets. It is we who choose to kill them with our bombs not those who put them in harm's way. How can we claim moral justification in killing children?

Consider the civilian men and women, some duped by propaganda and patriotism, others opposed to Iraqi provocation but too fearful for their life to speak, others just trying to survive U.N. sanctions that the U.N. estimates killed 600,000 people. People like us. Do these people deserve to die? Their greatest crime is that they were born at the wrong time in the wrong place under the wrong regime. The Iraqi people are as innocent with respect to the violation of U.N. resolutions as their children. How then can we kill them as a clearly foreseeable but collateral consequence of our acts?

Even if their death is not the goal of our action, even if it is not the means to our goal, do we not intend their deaths when we knowingly and willfully drop bombs that will kill them? Kill them in very large numbers?

If we consider Desert Thunder from the moral perspective, and surely we should, there are too many questions left unanswered, too much ambiguity about our ends and how we intend to attain them, too much hypocrisy on our part for the attack to be justified. If we Americans do care about morality, now is our opportunity to inform the President of our moral opposition to the war. To wait will be too late. To do less is, I believe, to be complicit with an unjust war.

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MOVIES IN REVIEW

The Wedding Singer C

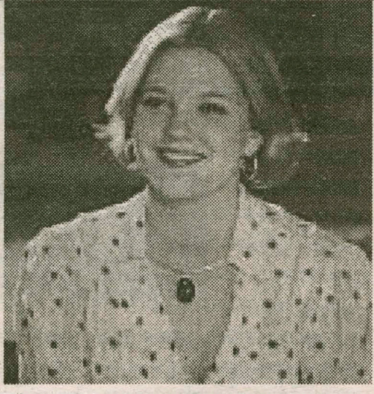
Courtesy Hoyt's Sangertown 8
Sangertown Square Mall

By Kathy Hess '99
A&E Writer

There is a type of person who is only funny at parties, when people are already in a mood to laugh. They tell stories that are too inane to work any other time, and take scenarios to their greatest extreme. *Saturday Night Live* skits have thrived off this kind of humor for years. Adam Sandler, who has also starred in such hits as Happy Gilmore, and Billy Madison (which were written by he same man as Wedding Singer) takes mediocre cheese, to a whole new level.

Sandler was *Opera Man, Cajun Man*, and the innocent boy who would walk up to a house with a newspaper rolled up in his sleeve on Halloween and shout, "I'm newspaper arm boy! Give me some candy!" In other words his career is based completely on an old routine. *The Wedding Singer* is an eighties movie with Adam Sandler cheese. It gets a little moldy after a while, particularly during any and all of Adam Sandler's songs.

Adam Sandler is Robby Hart, a former glam band singer who has become a wedding singer in order to make ends meet. He is the leader of a cheesy band that plays eighties pop cheerfully for large gatherings. He is also shown as the complete nice guy, saving speeches that are horrible, and taking the puberty ridden kid out to throw up in dumpsters rather than display his drunken behavior for his whole family. Robby is excited early on because he is about to get married to Linda, an airhead who was Robby's biggest glam band fan. Linda discovers that she doesn't like marrying a goofy wedding singer, and stands Robby up at the altar.



COURTESY NEW LINE CINEMA

Oh no! What is Robby to do? Well aside from have a mental breakdown, he needs to find a new love interest.It is a good thing that Julia, a wedding waitress (the answer to the question: What job is less appreciated than being a wedding singer?), is around. But oh no! Julia is engaged to Glenn Goolia! Don't worry though, Glenn is a complete jerk. That is the movie. It is supposed to be making fun of eighties romantic comedies, but it is so much like one that it doesn't really have the wit that a good parody would have (*The Brady Bunch Movie* is a good example of a parody).

The actors are okay. Robby and Julia (Drew Barrymore: *E.T., Scream*) are cute, if kind of stilted together. The rest of the characters are very successful one-sided people. It is like they got the cast of Full House to dress up in different outfits, and talk for two hours rather than a half of one.

In recent years there have been a lot of parody the eighties movies. The soundtracks come off of *Time Life parody Totally Eighties Collection*, and the characters walk around wearing jelly bracelets, huge hair, and suits with T-shirts. All of that is in full force in *The Wedding Singer*. It is a running gag to mention famous couples who have since broken up, trends like the *Rubix Cube* (can you imagine what they are going to do with those stupid pet key chain things ten years from now?), and the fact that they listened to records instead of CDs. But merely mentioning an item we no longer use is not a joke, so that whole aspect of the movie is a waste.

What holds the film together to the point that it can be held together, is that the main characters are charming. Steve Buscemi makes an appearance as a member of one of the wedding families, which is cute. The greatest part of this movie is that Billy Idol makes a cameo. The cameo is only funny because it is actually him, and much like the eighties, he didn't age well.

The best jokes from the movie are in the preview, and they are often funnier in that shortened format. The movie is cute, but there are lot better "cute" movies out there. I'd rather watch a skit with Cajun man.

COURTESY NEW LINE CINEMA

***Disclaimer: The views and subsequent ratings of the A&E Staff writers do not always coincide with the opinions of the A&E Editor... I can't get enough of Adam Sandler!

Bobby Peru shakes up the Hub Thursday night

By Matt Nolan '98
Staff Writer

I laughed, I cried, it was better than Cats.. " Once again blatantly ignoring the laws of good taste, Bobby Peru performed for a packed house in the Bristol Hub Thursday evening. As always, nothing is sacred with Bobby, as settings for skits ranged from the bathroom, to the moon, to Gene Tobin's bedroom.

Taking shots at everyone including the President and the dance team the three year old troupe entertained a crowd of more than seventy people. Enjoying free beer and the musical stylings of the members of the legendary campus band, Mission Impossible, the audience rocked out for an hour before the show started.

Though plagued by technical difficulties, the students 'studying abroad', on the moon skit was one of the most effectively humorous skits of the evening. Students avoiding such activities as lunar volleyball spent their time bouncing around the moon and comparing space suit-muffled farts. Amazingly enough the students find the moon less interesting than Hamilton, and escape only to find themselves prisoners of the Keehnies, whom they mistake for Martians.

> "I was really impressed with the improvisational skills of Bobby Peru. More power to female dominated skits. Girlfriends, you rocked the house y'all!"
>
> - Jen Irvine '00

Improvisation involving audience participation also proved to be a hit with those in attendance. Two audience members volunteered to serve as talking pillars, volunteering words whenever they were touched. The comedians then incorporated the words into their conversation which proved to be a source of much hilarity. Set in the bathroom and then in Gene Tobin's bedroom the male casts had the audience rolling in the aisles.

While much of the material was very good, the troupe's attempt to make fun of their own rehearsals was less effective. The inside jokes used in this skit failed to rouse the crowd as the female cast killed off all the male members of Bobby, with the exception of Dave Arkema '98.

Taking current campus issues and coloring them with Bobby's signature mixture of sexual innuendo humor and bathroom talk is the troupe's bread and butter. An excellent example was the dance squad tryout skit in which the men contorted themselves in attempts to become members of the elite group. Exaggerating the motions and style of the dance team, the comedians simulated sex and shook their booty to the delight of the audience.

Bobby continues to please the masses that assemble at the first mention of a show (and free beer), but the impending graduation of a large portion of the group leaves long-term questions. The high level of talent among the younger members was well displayed last evening, yet their staying power remains a question for the future. The sarcasm and wit of Bobby continues to please, their view of life on the hill is unique and they provided a welcome respite from the February doldrums. Almost as much fun as the power outage.

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HAVOC presents open-mike to benefit Alternative Spring Break

By Jim O'Shaughnessy '00
A&E Editor

This Thursday, February 19, HAVOC held an open-mike in Beinecke to raise money for this years Alternative Spring Break. Hamilton's talented poets, actors, and musicians strutted their stuff, giving the audience a performance as colorful as the The Events Barn.

The audience relaxed comfortably in lounge chairs surrounding the stage and watched closely as friends acted out goofy improvisational pieces, recited favorite poems, and bared all music talent to raise moneyfor the great cause.

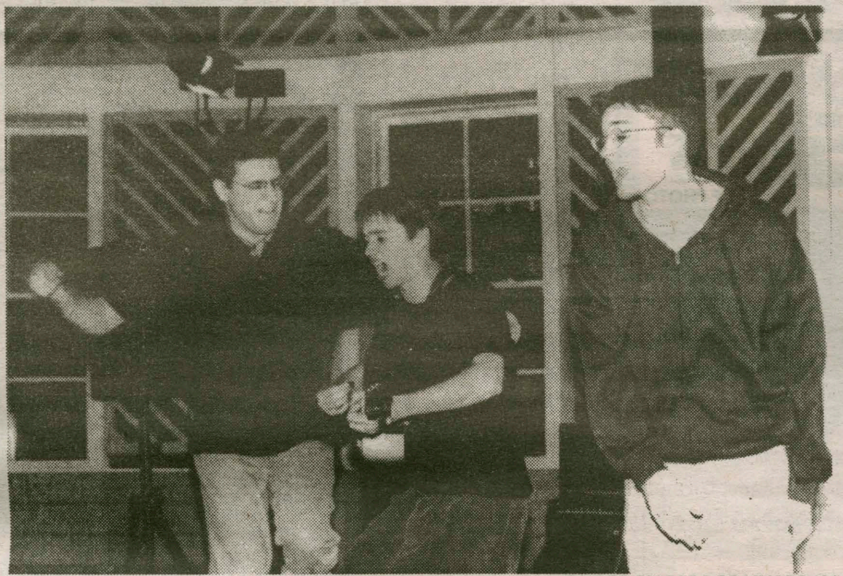
PHOTO BY SARA BRAINARD '01

Every Spring Break, Hamilton Action Volunteers Coalition (HAVOC) organizes a trip to urban and rural areas in the South. Groups travel to North and South Carolina, Florida, Virginia, and other Southern States, volunteering services that include: construction, trail work, park clean-ups, and helping Habitat For Humanity. HAVOC holds different events over the year to raise funds to support the trips.

This year's HAVOC—Alternative Spring Break Open-mic was a success. The music was an accurate display of the great talent we have here at Hamilton. Grinning, the muses cupped their ears to hear Hamilton's poets sing to the night through the velvet walls of the Events Barn.

One of the great performances of the night was YadaPez, Hamilton's new comedy troupe. Bobby Peru's experienced funny man Dave Arkema '98 leads the new pack of actors. They come at you with a surprising energy, fueled by comfortable confidence.

The crowd was very receptive and friendly, as was evident from their constant laughter. Freshman Jocelyn Delioso's subtle idiosyncrasies were a definite highlight to the night's hilarity, and sophomore Brendon Sorenberger's energetic fits of goofiness woke up any dozing crowd members. Brett Monroe '01 played his different roles well, adding a slow and deliberate touch to the action, and senior Annebelle Richardson's hilarious composure added to her accurately practical sense of humor.

Matt Sircely '98 and Erin Doherty '98 united talents in an expression of acoustic harmony, and a group of friends who call themselves, Fat Head Lettuce rocked the stage. Other notable performers were Colin Carmen '00 and Christine Bower '00, who both read a bit of their familiar poetic verse. The most acrobatic performance of the night was the juggling show put on by Nat Kinsley '98. He mesmerized the audience showing off his skills of balance and precision timing. After joining up with Brandon Sim '01, their two man juggling act was flipping, spinning, eye candy.

Overall, the event was a success. HAVOC's community service efforts were well met by a good response from friends and other performers. It is a powerful message to see students motivate and organize events like this for such a great cause!

ROSS' REVIEW

Video Pick: *Broken English*

By Ross White '01
A&E Writer

A booze hounding, weed dealing Croatian family settles in New Zealand to escape the horrors of war. Not your typical setting, but that is what makes this film semi-interesting. The stunning Aleksandra Vujicic, plays a waitress named Nina who cannot break away from her Croatian ties.

The overbearing father, Ivan, is played by Rade Serbedzija, who you may recognize as the villain in The Saint. Fueled by an abundance of scotch, Ivan takes jive from no one, especially his daughters. Rade plays the bad guy well, actually he does it so well he probably is one. Nina ends up falling for Eddie (Julian Arahanga), a Maori cook that works at the same restaurant as her. Ivan refuses to accept their cross-cultural love, and he sets out to do everything he can to stop it.

Meanwhile, the couple resists violent external pressures by transcending their vastly different backgrounds with an ever-lasting love. Granted that last line was really lame, but the director, Gregory Nicholas stated, "I wanted to make a film that brought Romeo and Juliet to Goodfellas." I personally don't think he reached his goal in creating anything comparable to my old friend, Shakespeare. However, if you like flicks with plenty of quality drugs, sex and violence then you might want to rent this one. Don't get me wrong, I only want you to rent this if you are headed to the classics in spite of the new releases.

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-- Ross White '01

COURTESY CLASSIC SONY
Aleksandra Vujicic plays Nina in *Broken English*.

HOROSCOPES

For The Week Of February 20-27

Aquarius
(January 21-February 19)
Saturn is just about to leave your house of luck, Aquarius, so things may become more of a challenge for you. You've been looking at too many things with rose-colored glasses these days, open up your eyes—wide. Your lucky animal is: an iguana.

Pisces
(February 20-March 20)
Your health has been improving lately, Pisces. Don't you feel good? Keep up the exercise and you'll be amazed at the results. Sunshine is just around the corner. Your lucky smoothie is: strawberry.

Aries
(March 21-April 20)
The future is something you are quite unsure of these days, Aries. Be sure not to stress about it, because that is part of your nature. Remember, all Aries are leaders and they are stubborn, that combination will take you wherever you want to go. Your lucky theater is: the Omni Max.

Taurus
(April 21-May 21)
Have others been one step ahead of you these days, Taurus? You must be hanging out with some pretty cool people. Keep exploring, you may have a hidden talent. Your lucky game is: basketball.

Gemini
(May 22-June 21)
Gemini, you have talents galore and the ability to make everyone smile. These qualities will be the key to being happy for the next week. Any setbacks are just character builders, good will come from them. Your lucky shape is: a box.

Cancer
(June 22-July 22)
A career in the music world may be what you should try and pursue, Cancer. Never thought about it? The alignment of the planets say this is so. Your future has been set, follow it. Your lucky nickname is: Buttons.

Leo
(July 23-August 23)
Do you worry about what others think of you, Leo? This week try and be more optimistic. You are too judgemental of yourself. Your lucky state is: Connecticut.

Virgo
(August 24-September 23)
So you're finding yourself a little overwhelmed with the work load and it isn't even mid-semester yet. Take this weekend to relax, get some work done and try and get some sleep. Maybe it's time you skipped a few parties for a change. Things must get done. Your lucky art is: ceramics.

Libra
(September 24-October 23)
Libra, Libra, Libra. You've been in the midst of many soap operas lately and you must break out of this chain. Stop giving advice and taking advice from those who don't truly care or to those who don't listen. You need to get control of your life. Your lucky flower is: a carnation.

Scorpio
(October 24-November 22)
You definitely shined this Valentine's Day, Scorpio. Although the next few weeks might not be as glamorous as the past few have been, some excitement is lurking around the corner. Try and remain patient. Your lucky country is: China

Sagittarius
(November 23-December 21)
So Sagittarius, is a new personailty emerging from within? Lately you've been more adventurous than ever before. Just be careful and try and remain somewhat level-headed. But don't stop having fun. Your lucky super hero is: Superman.

Capricorn
(December 22-January 20)
You are getting smarter every minute, Capricorn. This semester you have been so dedicated to your work that you are learning more than ever before. Keep up the good work. Your lucky planet is: Neptune.

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Scenes from Nagano

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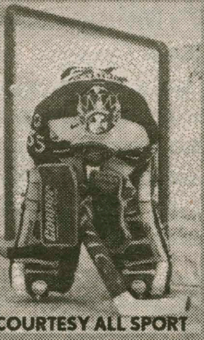

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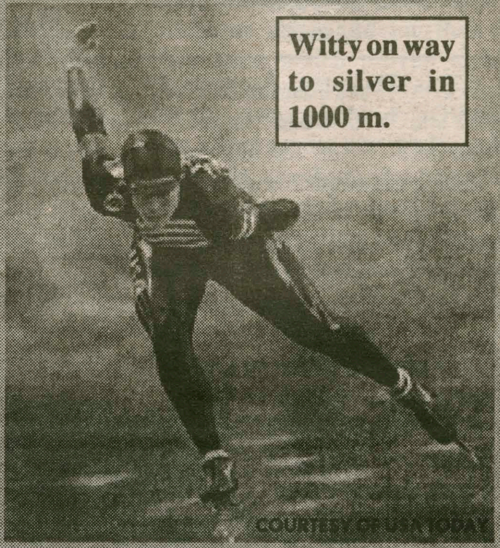

Witty on way to silver in 1000 m.

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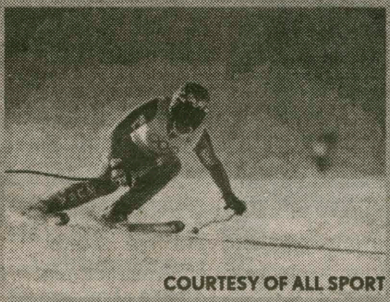
Above - Richter hangs head as US fails to medal in men's hockey.

Right Middle - Rebagliati retains gold after marijuana charges.

Bottom - Thorpe & Sheer earn 1st US luge medal.



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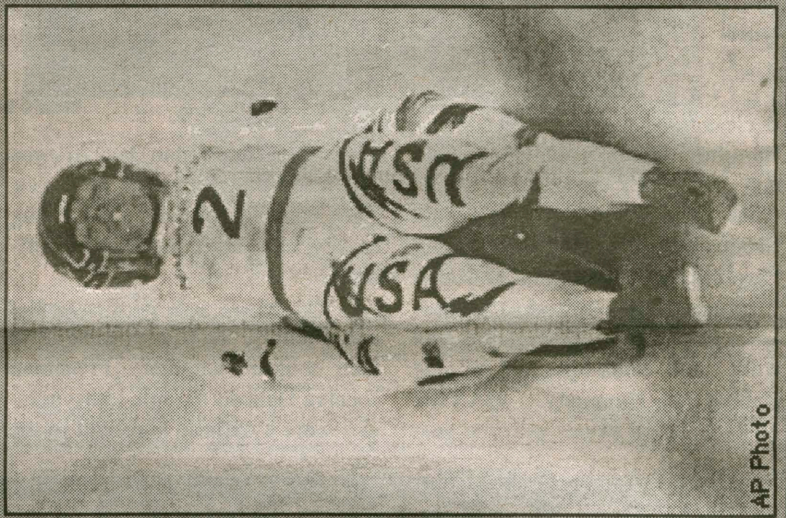

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Above - Miracle on Ice II, Granato raises US flag.
Center Top - Shimmer & Hines start USA I
Center Middle - Street cruises to Gold in Super G
Center Bottom - Jonny Mosely celebrates mogul Gold

Medal Standings	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Totals
1- Germany	9	8	7	24
2- Norway	7	8	5	20
3- Russia	8	5	1	14
3- Canada	5	5	4	14
3- Austria	3	4	7	14
6- Netherlands	5	4	2	11
6- USA	5	2	4	11
8- Finland	2	3	5	10
9- Japan	4	1	3	8
9- Italy	1	5	2	8
11- France	2	1	3	6
11- Switzerland	2	1	3	6
13- China	0	4	0	4
14- Korea	2	0	1	3
15- Czech Republic	0	1	1	2
15- Sweden	0	1	1	2
15- Belarus	0	0	2	2
18- Bulgaria	1	0	0	1
18- Denmark	0	1	0	1
18- Ukraine	0	1	0	1
18- Australia	0	0	1	1
18- Belgium	0	0	1	1
18- Kazakhstan	0	0	1	1
Totals	56	55	54	165

Hoops remain in playoff picture

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ing 14 rebounds and five assists. Schmiegel helped control the boards with a game-high 18 boards.

"Jon is a great basketball player," said Schantz. "He rebounds like no other and attacks the boards really hard. A lot of the team's success is due to him."

Guard Kevin Thorpe contributed 18 points, while Max Stroman '99 added 15 points. In his best all around game of the season, point guard Jimmy Driggs '01 scored 10 points, dished out seven assists, and grabbed five rebounds in the Continentals' 90-81 victory. "Our transition game was running pretty well, and we had the big guys running the floor and finishing strong," Driggs explained.

The Continentals led the Cardinals from the outset and increased their lead throughout the game. They led 40-34 at the half before extending it to 62-50 midway through the second half. The Cardinals were able to stay in the game by hoisting numerous three-point shots. Cardinal guard Sean O'Brien (22 points, 4-6 from three-point range) helped cut the Continental lead to four on two different occasions, but Wesleyan would get no closer. Hamilton has improved drastically from the free-throw line in recent contests. The Continentals shot an outstanding 16 of 25 free throws in the second half to keep Wesleyan at bay.

Schantz was named the ECAC/Amerisuites Division III "Player of the Week" for an unprecedented third time in four weeks and for the fourth time overall.

It is also the fourth straight week a member of the Hamilton basketball team has been honored as the player of the week, as center Jon Schmiegel claimed the honors last week.

Schantz was also honored as the UCAA Player of the Week for the fifth time and the NESCAC Co-Player of the Week for the second time in 1997-98.

Despite all of the recognition and all of the accolades that seem to come on a weekly basis, Schantz knows that some things are more important than individual honors. "They're not that big of a deal," said the humble All-American from Sharon, Massachusetts. "My main focus is on the rest of the season, and we know that our goal is to win these next four games and make the NCAA tournament."

Schantz scored 29 points and grabbed an Upstate Collegiate Athletic Association single-game record 22 rebounds in a 93-78 win at Skidmore, scored a career-high 37 points, had 14 rebounds and five assists in the Continentals 90-81 win over Wesleyan, and added 24 points and 12 rebounds in Hamilton's 92-72 setback at the hands of Connecticut College. He is now averaging just under 25 points and 12 rebounds per game.

These next four games will not be easy. The Continentals leave Thursday after practice for Colby, who they will face Friday. The road trip does not get any easier as they head to Bowdoin for a Saturday matinee, in what will be a tough NESCAC battle.

"We are very comparable to these teams," responded Murphy, describing Hamilton's opponents this weekend. "Bowdoin lost to Amherst in overtime, but I think Colby should be a little better. They shoot a lot of three pointers. There are no easy games left."

And just when you thought the Continentals' schedule could not get more challenging, the team must travel to Middlebury on Tuesday night, before closing out their regular season at home against powerhouse Williams at home on February 28th.

"If we win three of our last four we will be in the NCAA tournament, and will host at least one game," added Murphy. "And if we win two we might get in the NCAA's, but we are taking it one game at a time!"

Fish & Sosa rock UCAA's

BY MATT NOLAN '98
SPORTS WRITER

Running away from home for only the second time this season the men's and women's track and field teams headed to Renssalaer for the UCAA Indoor Championships.

When the dust had settled, the men came away with third place and the women fourth, while individuals set a UCAA record, and took first places in certain events.

Coming off a tough invitational-style competition at Colgate which matched the Continentals against several Division 1 teams, the team appeared unprepared for the conditions at the meet, looking flat in many of the longer races.

Individual competitors put out valiant efforts, however, accounting for several bright points throughout the day. Bob "Tuna" Fish '98 made his mark on the UCAA conference championship with a first in the shotput and a fourth in weight throw.

Fish's throw of 47' 6-1/4" set the record for the championship meet, *still* he felt that one throw, one on which he fouled, would have been much better. Continental Walt Sosa '00 took home the honor of field event MVP by winning the triple and long jump competitions at the meet. Leaps of 21' 6' 1/4" in the long jump and 43' 1" in the triple jump brought home a slew of points for the men's squad, a total he added to with a second place in the 45 meter dash.

Sosa, a huge contributor to the *team* all season long, is looking forward to end of the season championships with excellent prospects at both the State and ECAC meets.

Traditionally meets held at RPI facilities are adventures and this year was no exception.

Fortunately for most of the atheletes, the problems were taken care of early. Those running the men's and women's 1500 meters bore the brunt of official incompetence as they were forced to run an extra lap (170 meters).

The problem was compounded by the fact that the judges miscounted laps not once, but twice in consecutive races. Even with the extra distance tacked on, the Continentals picked up points on both sides as Scott Taylor '01 and Tara Woolford '99 took third and fourth in their respective races. Both athletes came back to pick up more points for their teams with Woolford returning to the track, grabbing more points with a third place in the women's 300 meters, and Taylor anchoring the winning 3200 meter relay team.

A broken wrist on sophomore Josh Cooper's right arm didn't slow him much. Cooper captured a second place, edging teammate Erik Johnson '01 who took third in the hurdles to gain points for the team. The injured Cooper also scored important points with a corageuous third place effort in the high jump. Kristen Daly '01 continued her torrid run through the competition picking up a pair of second place finishes in the 200 and 400 meters.

Her teammates also drummed up points at the championships as Keri Paciencia '01 took fourth in the high jump, while Lyn Myrth '01 and Janet Davis '01 took fourth and fifth in the 45 meter dash.

This Saturday the Continental track teams return to the fieldhouse for an early evening tune-up before next week's State Championship at Union.

Women's hockey triumphs

BY ELIZABETH CRISPINO '01
SPORTS WRITER

The Hamilton Womens' Hockey team came out of this past week with two wins and a loss. Wednesday the team faced North Country Community College, in a non-league contest. They played a good game prevailing, 6-5.

Stacy Tysinski '99 lead the Continentals with a goal and two assists while teammates Lauren Spoon '01 and Kathleen Lubin '01 each registered a goal and an assist. Leading goal-scorer Amy Williams '99 scored two goals and Amy Rini '01 chipped in goal.

Defenseman Alexa Slaunwhite '00 continued her solid playmaking recording two assists. Jenne Atherton '01, Deb Elvin '00 and Megan Stasz '01 all with one assist each, found their names on the score sheet.

The team concentrated on their scoring in this non-league game and came out with many good goals. They also found their offense at the right time, as they were able to overcome a third period deficit to win the game. Hamilton outshot their opponent 32-24, dominating the play in the NCCC zone.

Head Coach Sue Tullock commented, "We thought that we had won early in the third period, but they really answered back, so we were able to persevere and win. It was a pretty tight game, right up until the end." The very physical game was marred with penalities.

On Saturday, Hamilton played against Wesleyan, the number one ranked team in the East Division. Wesleyan won, shutting out Hamilton 3-0. Despite the final score, game was close, as the Continentals outplayed their opponents, dominating the game.

The Wesleyan goaltender is ranked second in the league in save percentage, and third in goals against average. She played an incredible game, recording her fifth consecutive shutout.

"We didn't get enough quality shots off, the goalie was not challenged. But we definitely dominated the game," noted a disappointed Coach Tullock. The next day, the Continentals played an inferior Connecticut College team, who have yet to win a game. Hamilton beat them convincingly, 5-1.

> **We didn't get enough quality shots off, the goalie was not challenged. But we definitely dominated the game. - Coach Sue Tullock**

Coach Tullock pointed out, "We knew going in that this was a team that we could beat. We needed this game to get back in line, since we haven't won a league game in a while."

Goaltenders Putney Haley '01 and Victoria Hayes '01 split the game, both playing well. Williams again paced the offense scoring two goals and adding two assists.

Elvin had two goals, while Lubin had one goal. Tysinski continued to demonstrate her playmaking ability, notching two assists, as Kristen Engster '01 added assist's.

The highlight of the week was Williams who set several records. During the North Country Community College game, Williams scored her career 100 point.

In the Connecticut College game, she scored the 50th goal of her career. Tullock comments, "The whole team was cheering her on to get these milestones. It was nice for her to gain these achievements before the end of the season."

The team has two weeks left playing four contests in the Sage Rink. They will face-off at 3pm on Saturday against Bowdoin and 1pm on Sunday against Maine.

All of these games will be tough competition for the team. Coach Tullock says, "We've had a hard season, but we are ending on a higher note than we began with. We are playing as a team, instead of as individuals. We are looking to end the season strong, even though we will not be in post-season play."

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"A" League

	Record	PTS	GF	GA
The New Order	5-0-0	10	24	13
Sabotage	4-1-0	8	34	11
Team Zero	2-5-0	4	15	23
Strange Brew	1-3-0	2	9	18
Alpha Delta Phi	1-4-0	2	9	31

"B" League

	Record	PTS	GF	GA
Jurassic Pucks	7-0-0	14	15	9
Team Hard Core	6-1-1	13	51	22
Ice Pirates	4-2-0	8	16	15
The Iceholes	4-4-0	8	14	23
Team TKE & the Crackheads	1-8-1	3	16	28
Castrovinci's Team	1-8-0	2	13	34

Scores as of 2/18/98

Hidden in a dark lair beneath the bronze map, the *WAG* society lingers, hoping to avoid the tragic fate of society houses, kegs in dorms, punch, fun-filled traditions, and so many other "problems" created by a spirited college on a Hill. The *WAG* society pledges itself to restore laughter and good cheer to the "new" Kirkland Penitentiary. We need writers, artists, photographers, editors, and YOU to help. Send submissions to Brian Berger or Sloan Craven through Campus Mail or call Brian at x1712.

This Week In Hamilton Sports

	Men's Hoops	Women's Hoops	Men's Hockey	Women's Hockey	Men's Squash	Women's Squash	Indoor Track & Field	Swimming
Fri. Feb 20	Colby 7:30 pm	Colby 7:30 pm	Holy Cross 7 pm				Hamilton Open 5 pm	Women's Swimming NYSWCAA @ Union
Sat. Feb 21	Bowdoin 3 pm	Bowdoin 3 pm	Conn. College 3 pm	Bowdoin 3 pm				
Sun. Feb 22				Maine 1 pm				
Mon. Feb 23								
Tues. Feb 24	Middlebury 7:30 pm	Middlebury 7:30 pm						
Wed. Feb 25								Men's Swimming UNYSCSA @ Hamilton TBA
Thur. Feb 26								
Fri. Feb 27								

Indicates Home Game

Indicates Away Game

Beat the Experts

Each pick has been selected to win contest outright. *If any given game ends in a tie, that game is thrown out of the lineup. Beat the "Experts"* is by no means associated with organized gambling on professional or college sports. Whichever Guest Handicapper posts the best winning percentage during their week will be selected as *Hamilton's Athlete of the Week* (honorary) in the final issue of this semester and will be entitled to all the perks therein, namely an all-expense paid dinner with our devilishly handsome Sports Editors, Elliott, Jason and Ringel Dingel, as well as his or her picture in *The Spectator.*

Specially Selected Sporting Events	Elliot Nix *Spectator Sports Editor*	Jason Santarcangelo *Sports Editor*	Ringel Dingel *Associate Sports Editor*	Michael Maslyn Freshman *Guest #9*	Dave Bolger Junior *Guest #10*
	Last Week: 9-3 To date: 28-17	Last Week: 9-3 To date: 28-17	Last Week: 10-2 To date: 33-12	Last Week's Guest: Karlton Bontrager 12-0	Last Week's Guest: Ashley Woodworth 8-4
NHL					
Pittsburgh at Montreal 2/25	Penguins	Canadiens	Canadiens	Canadiens	Canadiens
Colorado at Phoenix 2/25	Coyotes	Avalanche	Avalanche	Coyotes	Avalanche
New Jersey at Florida 2/25	Devils	Devils	Devils	Panthers	Devils
Los Angeles at Detroit 2/25	Red Wings	Red Wings	Red Wings	Kings	Red Wings
NBA					
Houston at New York 2/22	Knicks	Knicks	Rockets	Knicks	Knicks
LA Lakers at Orlando 2/22	Lakers	Lakers	Lakers	Lakers	Lakers
Boston at Portland 2/22	Celtics	Celtics	Blazers	Celtics	Celtics
Vancouver at Toronto 2/22	Grizzlies	Grizzles	Raptors	Raptors	Raptors
College Basketball					
UCONN at Villanova 2/21	Huskies	Wildcats	Huskies	Wildcats	Wildcats
Michigan St. at Wisconsin 2/21	Spartans	Spartans	Spartans	Spartans	Spartans
UCLA at Duke 2/22	Bruins	Blue Devils	Blue Devils	Blue Devils	Blue Devils
Indiana at Michigan 2/22	Wolverines	Wolverines	Wolverines	Wolverines	Hoosiers

If you think that you can beat these "experts," drop us a line and we will try to get you in. Write "I can beat the experts" on a piece of paper and add your name, then fold it and address it to the sports editor at *The Spectator*. Drop it in campus mail and if you're randomly selected, you'll quickly receive a form for you to make your picks.

"The biggest waste of time. Ever."

Jason Santarcangelo
From The Front Office

That's what United States Hockey Team Assistant Captain **Keith Tkachuk** uttered shortly after the team finished what, in best terms can be called a disappointing Olympic tournament.

In case you want to give Tkachuk the benefit of doubt and believe those words were said with the slip of a tongue in haste, guess again. Tkachuk continued his barrage, "I hate to be negative, but this is disgusting."

Part II – The women

There's more than meets the eye. The United States Hockey Program did come home with a medal, in fact a gold one. The Women's program in what is being called Miracle on Ice II fought Canada, the reigning champion, for sixty minutes. The result: a 3-1 victory.

I awoke at 3:50 in the morning on Tuesday to watch our true Olympians battle for world supremacy. I will never question getting out of my warm bed in the middle of the night to watch some of the finest hockey in the world. These ladies had heart and laid it all on the line. They lived together for seven months giving up college, lucrative jobs and family to pursue gold.

And when the final buzzer sounded the Americans had accomplished something no one before them had, an Olympic gold medal. "I'm living out my dream," commented captain **Cammi Granato**.

When it ended I was quickly overcome with the pride. The scene on the ice reminded me of Lake Placid, 1980. Sticks flew into the air, players celebrated with Old Glory draped around them.

Although I sat alone in front of the television, I was not alone. The magic of the Olympics and the magnificent triumph of the US Women's hockey program made me believe in being American.

I had only one question in my mind after the victory, why weren't the American men supporting their teammates like the Canadians? I guess that too would have been "the biggest waste of time – ever."

The Difference

"I'm sure I'm going to be apologizing for a long time. I'm sure we're going to hear about it for a long time. That part is going to be tough to deal with. But what's done is done," commented **Mike Modano**, the only American who was able to score on the Czech's dominating goaltender, **Dominik Hasek**.

Did we play too many expectations on our best gold medal hope? After all, they had risen to the top of the international scene during the summer of 1996, when they captured the Inaugural World Cup (it replaced the Canada Cup). Certainly, our NHLers would be in top shape.

The NHL in hopes of gaining international attention had agreed to stop their season in the middle for seventeen days. One hundred and twenty-five players were released by their parent clubs. The players would have the honor of representing their country in the Olympics.

The twenty-five best American NHLers went over to Nagano co-favorites with a rejuvenated Team Canada. Much like the Dream Teams of the NBA, hockey fans from both sides of the border expected nothing less than a gold medal.

They delivered as promised. The men's team brought home a gold medal of disgrace. Oh, sorry- that's not an official Olympic sport! Are we, the members of the media, being harsh? Not even close!

These players were sent to perform on the world stage, dashing the dreams of kids throughout the US, the true amateurs who never got the chance to play for Olympic gold. Instead of sucking up the losses and being mature and saying nothing (that would have been the most advisable course of action) they had to run off their mouths.

Excuses? There are plenty. The Americans cancelled practice the day before their embarrassing loss (which one wasn't) to the Canadians because it has been rumored several players stayed out well past curfew trying to take in the Japanese culture.

After the game ended, and the Olympic adventure came to a bitter end, **Tony Amonte**, the World Cup hero broke his stick in two over the boards. The team even disgraced the longest standing tradition of hockey, the handshake, as they bowed their heads in disgust and quickly skated off the ice, making little effort to shake hands.

"I don't see how anyone can go home and say we gave it our best shot," commented Philadelphia Flyers sniper **John LeClair**, who was held to just two assists. Hey, John- thanks for clearing that one up!

The Future

NHL commissioner **Gary Bettman**, has been pleased with his experience in Nagano, so much so that in a news conference on Wednesday he hinted that the NHL would look forward to stopping its season to allow their best players the option compete for Olympic gold.

Bettman went to great lengths in his press conference to assure the media that Tkachuk's comments were not about the Olympic Village or his experience in Japan. How could they be? Weren't the Americans the ones who cancelled practice?

"In particular, we're going to have to look very carefully at how we finish the season. We're anticipating a terrific run to the playoffs, great playoffs and a great Stanley Cup Finals. That's first and foremost what the NHL is all about," commented an excited Bettman. "If all the vital signs continue to be good, then we would go forward in doing this again in Salt Lake City."

That's great news. We will be able to see, in primetime, the US Men's team, some of the biggest babies in the world, take on the world's best. Hopefully, in the next four years they will be able to get the bottle out of their mouth, demonstrate some hard work and grit, and bring home some hardware.

The Spectator Athlete of the Week

By Peter Ringel '01
Associate Sports Editor

"She's an extremely intense player on the ice and there's never a time when she doesn't give her all," is how forward Lauren Spoon '01 describes teammate Amy Williams '99, *The Spectator* "Athlete of the Week".

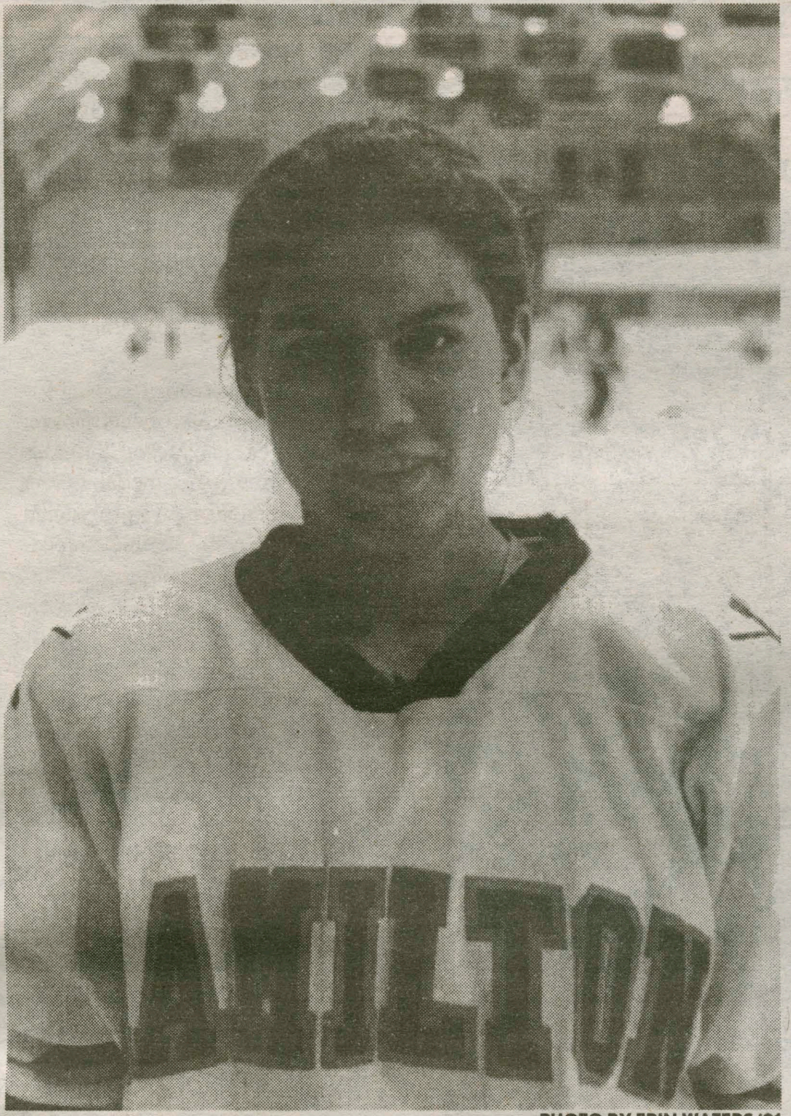
At 5'3 Amy Williams is undersized for hockey, but she makes up for her lack of size with unmatched strength and courage. "She plays directly from the heart," said linemate Stacey Tyksinski '99. "She will play hurt. She plays the game with unmatched skill and intelligence."

Williams has been playing hockey since the age of five. She is the oldest of six brothers and sisters, and the only one of three girls to play hockey.

She was recruited for hockey by St. Lawrence, but felt it was too close to home and eventually ended up at Hamilton. She started as a freshman, but the women's hockey team was only a club team that year. In their first varsity season (last year) the team was 12-8, and they lost 4 seniors. The Continentals' record this season is 8-9-1.

Williams plays ice hockey all year round, using her own rink at home during the off-season. She works during the summer at a hockey camp here on the Hill.

She is having a phenomenal season. Williams scored her 50th goal Sunday, scoring two goals (49,50) and having two assists in a 5-1 win over Connecticut College. Williams also scored her 100th point earlier this season. What was it like to score her 50th career goal? "It was a relief," the soft-spoken star replied. "I was struggling the last couple of weeks to put the puck in the net, but my teammates were very supportive."



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Amy "Three" Williams '99 is a powerhouse of a player who will continue to dazzle the Continental fans during the next two seasons.

"The last three weeks I have had bad cramps in my legs, but nothing that would keep me from playing," she said with a smile. "I was trying so hard, but it just wasn't happening."

"There is no one game that sticks in my head as being my best game. I take it one game at a time and I give my best effort every time I'm out on the ice."

The women's hockey team is a young, inexperienced team with only seven upperclassmen and remarkably 13 freshman. "We will be much improved next year. The same team will be back with our core players leading the way. Hopefully, we'll also get some good freshmen. We can definitely be a force next season in this league. We will definitely be successful in upcoming years."

Honored to receive honors such as ECAC player of the week, Williams knows that these accolades are not as important as winning games and playing great hockey.

On January 16th, the Continentals whipped Bates College, 10-0, behind Williams' seven points (3 goals, 4 assists). In one of her best games of the season, she recorded her fifth hat-trick of the season.

"She has a great work ethic and always gives 100%" said head coach Sue Tullock, "even when she is hurt she won't come off the ice. Amy is also great with the younger players and always encourages and helps them improve their skills."

Williams acknowledges that her coaches have helped her hockey game considerably. "We have a new head coach and three student assistant coaches. The four of them together bring a lot of knowledge and experience to the team and it definitely shows at practices and games."

"I attribute a lot of my success in hockey to my parents. They devoted a lot of winters and countless hours to spending time at the rink. Without their help and guidance, I definitely wouldn't be the hockey player that I am today."

Williams has had quite a few linemates over the past two years. "Stacey has been a constant presence on her line, and it gives me confidence that she's going to be out there," said Williams when talking of her linemate and friend Tyksinski. " I also devote a lot of my success to my teammates. The team always plays very well together."

Forward Lauren Spoon '01 was animated when talking about her teammate, "I have never played with a player who takes the game so seriously and would do anything just to play the game, as well as to improve on any aspects of her game. I know that the whole team admires her for her outstanding work ethic and dedication to the game of hockey."

Amy Williams should be remembered as being more than a great hockey player. She should be remembered as someone who played a role in creating and building a successful women's hockey program.

"I wouldn't have reached these milestones in my career if it weren't for my teammates, and I thank them for that," commented Williams.

Swimmers prepare for states

By Seth Crossman '01
Sports Writer

This weekend the women's swim team heads to Union College to battle for the State Championship. The following weekend will see the men take on the state's best in the Bristol Swimming Pool.

"People don't seem to realize that our whole season is in preparation for one meet," said Head Coach David Thompson.

While the State Championships remain the focus for the season, that does not mean there are not special preparations during the last few weeks for the team.

After the last dual meet, swum almost two weeks ago now, both teams have focused on this competition.

The swimmers have begun tapering, a process that involves reducing the work load (amount they swim each day) on the swimmers while increasing the tempo to race speed.

Special attention is paid to fine tuning starts and turns. Tapering also increases the amount of rest the swimmers receive.

Meet preparation goes beyond the pool. "There is a lot of mental rehearsal to get psyched for the state meet," said Tommy Liem '98.

Besides tapering, maintaining the proper sleep habits help the swimmers to preform at their maximum. Ideally each individual is in bed by twelve and up by seven.

The schedule is designed to accustom the body to be fully functioning early in the morning when the prelims for the championship begin.

The team also listens to inspirational tapes and music to focus and psyche themselves for victory. Both teams have been meeting daily to discuss individual and team goals for the meets.

"We're doing everything together as a team, in a group together," said Adam Bushnoe '99 and the result is a "very positive and confident" team.

Overall the team is "both positive and optimistic," according to Coach Thompson. Due to tapering, the energy level is up and the result is to have a squad of excited swimmers hungry to do well.

Preliminary rounds will be held each morning for the teams 10:30 - 12:30. Finals, held between 6 and 9 at night follow the morning preliminary rounds. In preparation, the team has started to practice in the mornings as well as the evenings.

In between these times divers will ply their talents on the 1 and 3 meter boards. A running score will be kept for both meets to inform the teams how they are doing.

The women headed to Union on Wednesday where they will face Ithaca, Hartwick, Union, and Lemoyne, to name the women's toughest opponents. The men will face three time defending champion Union, plus tough Hartwick and Ithaca teams.

One advantage for the men, and possibly the most important advantage of having the men's meet here is the fan support.

In a close meet, fan support could tip the balance and help the Continentals out perform the competition.

So, if you want a break this week or next weekend lend some enthusiastic support to the talented men's swim team.

"We want to see people perform better than they ever have before," said Coach Thompson.

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Women's hoops adds two more losses to record

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"The freshman are great. They work extremely hard. McDermott and Williams, who is short for a post, are dominating under the boards. There contributions have helped us a great deal especially with (Sabrina) Valenta ('00) and Kim (Herrig) ('98) out with injuries," commented Moran.

Although not an excuse, the 3-17 Continentals have struggled due to major injuries suffered early in the season, "Injuries have severely hurt us this year. We definitely should have won more games than we have, but two starters were out most of the season and a third missed a few games," said Moran.

The Hamilton College Lady Continentals hope to improve their 3-17 record this Friday, in a home game against Colby at 7:30pm.

"We are going to play our hardest and hope for positive results," added Moran. They will also be in action Saturday afternoon against Bowdoin, tip-off is at 3pm.

Playoffs still a possibility for men's hockey team

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Williams (one and two respectively in the ECAC East) will accept their NCAA Tournament invitation and play in the nationals.

Should Middlebury and Williams take off for the NCAA's, Hamilton could end up with a number one or two seed and host a playoff game.

But before the we get the ice in the Sage ready, the Continentals must beat Holy Cross (12-3-2) and Conn College (11-5-1) is weekend.

Coach Grady said of this weekend's games, "If we play our style, we'll be successful. We need to forecheck, play aggressive, and basicly just play Hamilton style hockey."

Friday night looks to be the more important of the two games as they face Holy Cross who is currently third in the league.

Regardless of what happens this weekend, it is important to point out and applaud the Continentals for their recent success.

This is a team that started the season without Davey and lost Brian Grady '00 early on.

They have overcome many hurdles this season and th y look to bring playoff hockey back to the Sage.

The Spectator SPORTS

Continentals continue run toward NCAA'S

Schantz, Schmiegel continue to power team

By Peter Ringel '01
Associate Sports Editor

Despite losing to Connecticut College on Saturday, the men's basketball team has climbed to number five in the East Region. On Friday night the Continentals defeated Wesleyan 90-81. Unfortunately, they suffered a tough loss the next afternoon to Conn. College 92-72.

Saturday's loss to the Camels was closer than the final score indicated. The Continentals were down by five, 43-38 at the half, but never came much closer. "They were a real good team and we played with them for most of the game, but we had a lapse at the end and they took advantage of that," said tri-captain Michael Schantz '99, who scored 24 points and pulled down 12 rebounds in the loss.

"Connecticut didn't play on Friday and we did," said head basketball coach Tom Murphy. "We ran out of gas and that doesn't happen often and I'll make sure it doesn't happen again. But Connecticut shot the ball really well, and we didn't shoot all that well."

In the 92-72 loss, center Jon Schmiegel '99 had another phenomenal game. He notched 22 points and 14 rebounds, but Hamilton still lost the game by 20 points. Schmiegel's spectacular play of late has given the Continentals a huge boost both offensively and defensively. "The guards have been doing a good job getting the ball into the post," said Schmiegel. "It has opened things up, and I've gotten better looks. Teams are always double teaming Mike and that has helped me out."

Point guard Lamar Johnson '99 added 10 points off the bench in one of his best games of the season. Forward Brendan Ferretti '01 also came off the bench to score eight points.

"Brendan's playing better," said Murphy. "He still needs to get a couple of more good games under his belt to lift his confidence. Lamar gave us a terrific performance and Brendan brings a lot of energy to the game. I could and probably should've played them both more."

In spite of the Connecticut loss, the Continentals still moved up in the rankings one spot to number five. The reason for the jump in the polls was the drubbing that the team gave to Wesleyan a night earlier. Shooting 12-16 from the floor, Schantz poured in a career-high 37 points, while add-

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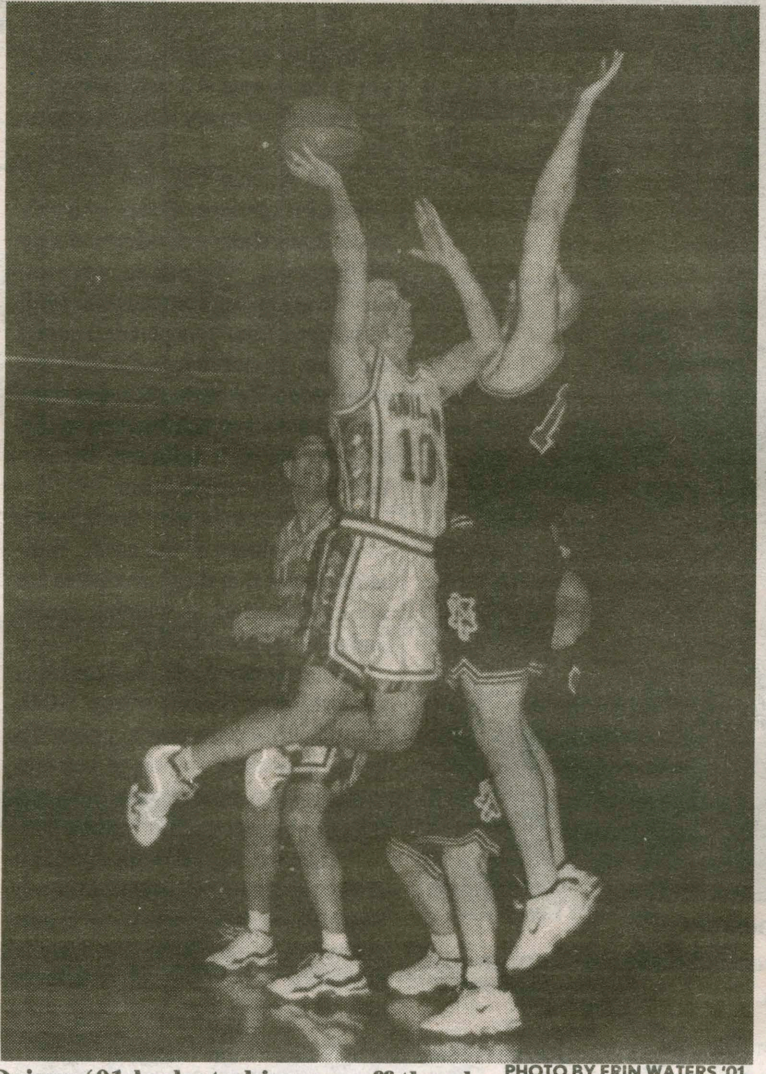

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Driggs '01 looks to kiss one off the glass.

Heartbreak continues for Lady Continentals

By Frank Vinci '01
Sports Writer

Week after week my heart breaks to see the faces of the Hamilton Continental Women's basketball team. This past week the Lady Continentals lost two more heartbreakers to Connecticut College and Wesleyan, 69-56 and 60-57 respectively.

It seemed as though the Lady Continentals were going to pull off an upset against Connecticut using a stingy defense. From the start it was the defense that kept the game close as Connecticut was held to only 29% shooting from the floor. At the half they held the score to a close 30-26, down only four.

However, the young and often injured Continentals slowed in the second half allowing Connecticut to break open the lead, while shooting a respectable 54% from the floor. Although Hamilton never gave in, Connecticut was just too much, as they pulled out the 69-56 win.

Ashley Merriman '98 scored 13 points and pulled down 10 boards, while fellow forward Abby McDermott '01 also grabbed 10 rebounds. Jen Moran '99 had a well rounded game scoring 4 points and adding 7 rebounds and 4 assists.

Captain Moran credited sophomore Jessica Pierce for her great effort off the bench. "(She) came off the bench and contributed a great deal in both games. She came out, giving a 110% and gave us a spark."

In their second game in two days, the Lady Continentals were hoping to take home a win against Wesleyan. However, as the season has shown, Hamilton came up just short in a match-up that was definitely within their reach.

Again a stingy defense kept the game close as Wesleyan only shot 18% from the floor in the second half. The game was close until the final buzzer when, for the second day in a row, Hamilton lost a heartbreaker 60-57.

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Merriman had her usual strong game scoring 12 points and grabbing 10 rebounds for another double-double adding to her long list. Senior Amy Estes was strong throughout the game pulling down 6 boards, and dishing out 3 assists.

Moran is not happy with the outcomes of recent games but has a high head for up coming games and has lots of praise for the hard working underclassmen.

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Men's hockey playoff hopes stay alive

By Dave Bolger '99
Sports Writer

There is a buzz around the Sage this weekend. The buzz is the possibility of playoff returning to the hill. With two wins last weekend have put themselves in a position, should they win this weekend, to host an ECAC East tournament game.

The Continentals clinched a tournament birth last Friday with a 4-3 win over UConn. Rob Rigg '99 opened the scoring for Hamilton with a power-play goal midway through the first period.

Despite goals from Chris Baudo '00 and Trevor MacArthur '99, the Huskies were able to stay on the Cont's heels until Brian Guastella put the game away late in the third period. Goaltender Brent Davey '00 stopped 35 shots and earned a space on the ECAC East Honor Roll for the week. Darren Johnston '98 added two assits in the win.

The following day, the Continentals picked up their eighth win in their last nine games. Leading the way for Hamilton were Brian Coakley '99 (2G, 1A) and Sean Smith '01(2A) as the Continentals beat up AIC 6-1.

Brent Davey '00 was once again stellar in net making 22 saves. Davey's performance has moved him up to second in the league lead in goals against average and save percentage.

With the two wins, Hamilton (11-4-2) has put themselves in position to be possibly host an ECAC East tournament game. Hamilton is currently fourth in the ECAC East, and it looks as if Middlebury and

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Chris Baudo '00 battles for position with UConn's Busenburg.

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Scorecard

Men's Hoops	12-8
Women's Hoops	3-17
Men's Hockey	13-7-2
Women's Hockey	7-9-1
Men's Squash	8-7
Women's Squash	7-10
Men's Track & Field	9-8
Women's Track & Field	5-12
Men's Swimming	6-1
Women's Swimming	3-4